

## Wintry storm delivers U.S. travel woes before Thanksgiving

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**DENVER (AP)** — Heavy snow and wind shut down highways Tuesday in Colorado and Wyoming, prompted school closures in Nebraska and forced more than 1,000 travelers to sleep overnight in Denver's airport after hundreds of flights were canceled just as the intense Thanksgiving week travel period went into high gear.

That storm headed next to South Dakota, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and another storm in the Pacific Ocean was closing in on California, Oregon and Nevada — making for a double whammy of early wintry weather.

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## U.S. criticizes China for abuses revealed by leaked cables

By MATTHEW LEE

AP Diplomatic Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday that a cache of leaked documents proves that Chinese authorities are engaged in massive and systemic repression of Muslims and other minorities in western China, as a number of foreign governments expressed serious concern about the scale of the campaign.

Pompeo said the documents underscored "an overwhelming and growing body of evidence" that China's leaders are responsible for gross human rights violations in the Xinjiang region.

"They detail the Chinese party's brutal detention and systematic repression of Uighurs and members of other Muslim minority groups in Xinjiang," Pompeo told reporters at a State Department news conference.



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks with reporters at the State Department, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019 in Washington.

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"We call on the Chinese government to immediately release all those who are arbitrarily detained and to end its draconian policies that have terrorized its own citizens in Xinjiang."

Pompeo's comments come at a delicate time in U.S.-Chinese relations amid ongoing negotiations to end a trade war and U.S. concerns about the situation in Hong Kong, where pro-democracy protests have turned violent with clashes between police and demonstrators. Notably, his criticism was not accompanied by a warning about possible sanctions for the mass detentions, although U.S. lawmakers are pressing for penalties to be imposed.

"There are very significant human rights abuses," Pompeo said. "It shows that it's not random. It is intentional

and it is ongoing." The leaked classified documents were provided to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which worked with The Associated Press and news organizations around the world to publish the material.

The documents, which include guidelines for operating detention centers and instructions for how to use technology to target people, reveal that the camps in Xinjiang are not for voluntary job training, as Beijing has claimed.

They show the camps are used for forced ideological and behavioral re-education. They also illustrate how Beijing uses a high-tech surveillance system to target people for detention and to predict who will commit a crime.

Voluntary job training is the reason the Chinese government has given for detaining more than a million ethnic minorities, most of them Muslim. But a classi-

fied blueprint leaked to the news organizations shows the camps are instead precisely what former detainees have described: forced ideological and behavioral re-education centers run in secret.

The documents lay out the Chinese government's deliberate strategy to lock up ethnic minorities even before they commit a crime, and to rewire their thoughts and the language they speak.

The papers also show how Beijing is pioneering a new form of social control using data and artificial intelligence. Drawing on data collected by mass surveillance technology, computers issued the names of tens of thousands of people for interrogation or detention in just one week.

Pompeo said the documents should encourage other countries to come forward with their concerns.

U.S. allies were among the first to step up.

"We have serious concerns about the human rights situation in Xinjiang and the Chinese government's escalating crackdown, in particular the extra-judicial detention of over a million Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities," a British Foreign Office spokesperson said. "We want to see an end to the indiscriminate and disproportionate restrictions on the cultural and religious freedoms of Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities in Xinjiang."

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told the German China-Cables team that "if indeed hundreds of thousands of Uighurs are being detained in camps, then the international community cannot close their eyes." □

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And in northern California and southern Oregon, residents were bracing for the late Tuesday afternoon arrival of a "bomb cyclone" weather phenomenon that could create waves of up to 35 feet (11 meters), wind gusts of up to 75 mph (120 kph) and heavy snow in mountainous areas.

At Denver International Airport, about 10 inches (25.4 centimeters) of snow mixed with winds that limited visibility prompted the cancellation of about 30 percent of the airport's average daily 1,600 flights. Operations began returning to normal in the afternoon as the storm moved east after dumping up to nearly 3 feet (0.9 meters) of snow in parts of northern Colorado. Southwest Airlines canceled about 200 flights in Denver and airline spokesman Brad Hawkins said it would take "a couple of days" to accommodate stranded passengers on other flights because there are few during the pre-Thanksgiving travel crush. That makes it hard for airlines to rebook passengers whose flights have been canceled.

About 1,100 people spent the night at the airport, including many cadets from the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs who either missed flights or wanted to get to the airport before road conditions deteriorated, said airport spokeswoman Alex Renteria.

Among them was cadet Sadie Luhman, whose trip to the airport took three hours — twice the normal driving time. She got to the airport at 1 a.m., 10 hours

before her scheduled flight to Chicago for Thanksgiving.

"I just wanted to beat the storm. We kind of left in the middle of it so it kind of didn't work, but we got here," she told KCNC-TV. Airport workers handed out blankets, diapers, baby formula, toothbrushes and toothpaste to the airline passengers who camped out for the night on floors and in chairs.

The snow forced the closures of long stretches of Interstates 70 and 76 on plains east and north of Denver. Parts of Interstate 80 in Wyoming were buried under snow drifts of up to 4 feet (121 centimeters), officials said. Many government offices in the Denver area and in Cheyenne, Wyoming closed along with colleges and schools not already on holiday break. In Nebraska, several school districts canceled classes Wednesday and the southwestern city of Sidney had received about 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow.

Blizzard and wintry weather warnings extended into the Great Lakes states with the storm expected to bring high winds and snow to Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin later Tuesday and a chance of snow over the weekend for parts of New England, said Alex Lamers, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"That could be a coast-to-coast storm," he said. The storm is expected to dump snow on the airport in Minneapolis, where Delta Air Lines is the major carrier, but most is expected to fall overnight when few flights are scheduled.

Delta prepared by filling



**City of Denver snowplows clear the eastbound lanes of Speer Blvd. as a storm packing snow and high winds sweeps in over the region Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019, in Denver.**

Associated Press

de-icing tanks, calling in extra flight dispatchers and operations employees, and having some of its 20 in-house meteorologists focus on the Minneapolis forecast.

"The timing is very helpful," said Erik Snell, a Delta senior vice president who oversees operations. "It gives the airport time to clear the runways, although we'll have to watch the residual snowfall in the morning."

The storm system could mean disappointment for fans of the larger-than-life balloons flown at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York.

Organizers were preparing for the possibility that of grounding the iconic balloon characters because

of 40-50 mph (64-81 kph) gusts in the forecast. Rules put in place after several people were injured by a balloon years ago require lower altitudes or full removal if sustained winds exceed 23 mph (37 kph) and gusts exceed 34 mph (54 kph). The decision will be made on parade day. The second storm developing in the Pacific Ocean was expected to slam the West Coast of the U.S. on Tuesday evening, bringing snow to the mountains of California and Nevada and wind and rain along the coasts of California and Oregon. Forecasters warned of "difficult to impossible travel conditions" across much of northern Arizona later this week as that

storm dumps about 2 feet (61 centimeters) of snow. The approaching storm accelerated the annual winter closure of the highway leading to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon by five days.

This month, AAA predicted that the number of travelers over a five-day stretch Thanksgiving holiday travel period starting Wednesday will be the second-highest ever, behind only 2005.

For those flying, airlines expect traffic to be up about 4% from this time last year. Airlines added about 850 flights and 108,000 seats per day on average to handle the increase over last year's crowds, according to the trade group Airlines for America. □

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First lady Melania Trump speaks at the B'More Youth Summit, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019, at UMBC in Baltimore.

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## Melania Trump defends rights of Baltimore teens to boo her

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Melania Trump on Tuesday defended the rights of teenagers who booed her when she addressed them in Baltimore, a city her husband, President Donald Trump, has disparaged as "rat and

rodent infested."

She traveled there to urge hundreds of middle and high school students to avoid misusing drugs, saying that would make it harder for them to achieve their life's goals. But her remarks drew a mix of boos and cheers, and the audience remained noisy throughout her five-minute address.

It is highly unusual for a first lady to be booed at a public appearance. Mrs. Trump released a statement hours after she had returned to the White House, defending the principle of freedom of expression while reaffirming her commitment to the issue that drew her to Baltimore.

"We live in a democracy and everyone is entitled to their opinion, but the fact is we have a serious crisis in our country and I remain committed to educating children on the dangers and deadly consequences of drug abuse," Mrs. Trump said.

The first lady has been using her prominence to spotlight programs she thinks can help young people, whether it's to teach them to be positive online or to avoid drug misuse and addiction.

She went to Maryland to address the Baltimore Youth Summit on Opioid Awareness, appearing on behalf of her "Be Best" youth campaign, which includes a focus on the U.S. epidemic of opioid misuse. Students simultaneously booed and cheered her introduction.

When the audience remained rowdy after she began to speak, she interrupted her remarks to say, "Hello, everyone," before

continuing.

The first lady said she wants to raise awareness about the opioid epidemic and help educate young people about living drug free.

"I am in this fight with you, and I am fighting for you," she said, and urged anyone struggling with addiction to ask someone for help.

"I know each one of you has hopes and dreams for the future, whether it is college, joining the military, or playing a sport. Your future will be determined by the choices you make," Mrs. Trump said.

"Using drugs will only slow you down and prevent you from achieving those goals."

President Trump has had a difficult relationship with Baltimore.

In July, Trump labeled the city a "disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess," saying no human would want to live there.

The president also criticized U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Democrat who represented parts of the city in Congress for decades. At the time of his death in October, Cummings was a central player in multiple House investigations of Trump and his administration.

Trump refused to cooperate with the congressional inquiries.

He was met with protests in September, including by a giant inflatable rat, when he went to Baltimore to address a meeting of House Republicans.

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## Pennsylvania overhauls child sexual abuse laws

Associated Press

**READING, Pa. (AP)** — Pennsylvania overhauled its child sexual abuse laws Tuesday, more than a year after a landmark grand jury report showed the cover-up of hundreds of cases of abuse in most of Pennsylvania's Roman Catholic dioceses over seven decades. The central bill signed by Gov. Tom Wolf gives future victims of child sex abuse more time to file lawsuits and ends time limits for police to file criminal charges. The grand jury report spurred many states to change their laws and others to begin similar investigations.

Wolf said the new laws will help repair "faults in our justice system that prevent frightened, abused children from seeking justice when they grow into courageous adults."

The legislative package was based on recommendations in last year's report on six of eight dioceses in the state.

Wolf, a Democrat, also signed bills to invalidate secrecy agreements that keep child sexual abuse victims from talking to investigators, and to increase penalties for people who are required to report suspected abuse but fail to do so.

Wolf signed the bills at Muhlenberg High School near Reading, in the home district and high school of Democratic state Rep.

Mark Rozzi, a champion of the legislation who has spoken publicly about being raped as a 13-year-old by a Roman Catholic priest.

"We know our work is not done today, it's going to continue," Rozzi said.

The grand jury report prompted a lengthy battle in the Legislature that pitted victims and their advocates who unsuccessfully sought the two-year window to file claims over past abuse against top Senate Republicans, who argued it would be unconstitutional. Senate Republicans, however, blocked it amid opposition by bishops and insurers, and as an alternative offered the slower process of amending the state constitution.

The multi-year amendment process has begun, but the bill must again pass both the House and Senate in the 2021-22 legislative session before voters will decide its fate in a statewide referendum.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, a Democrat, said the eliminated time limits meant prosecutors could file charges against only two priests after the report was issued. He said that if the new legislation had applied, some 100 priests could have been charged.

The report put the number of abusive clergy at more than 300, with most cases between 1970 and 2000. More than 100 of the priests



Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf, center, signs legislation into law at Muhlenberg High School in Reading, Pa., Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

had died.

Wolf and Shapiro urged lawmakers to take up legislation to allow the two-year window for lawsuits rather than wait for the amendment process to play out. "By waiting, we are robbing the very victims who made this day possible, we are robbing them of the only closure before them," Shapiro said.

The main bill in the package ends any statute of limitations, in future cases, for criminal prosecution of major child sexual abuse crimes. Current law limits it to the victim's 50th birthday.

Victims would have until they turn 55 to sue, compared to age 30 in current law. Young adults ages 18-23 would have until age 30

to sue, where existing law gives them just two years. Police could file criminal charges up to 20 years after the crime when young

adults 18-23 years old are the victims, as opposed to 12 years after the crime for victims over 17 in current law. □

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## Most people who fled California wildfire allowed to go home

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Associated Press

**GOLETA, Calif. (AP)** — Most of the thousands of people who fled a raging California wildfire in the mountains north of Santa Barbara were told they could return home Tuesday as an approaching storm offered hope the flames would be doused.

About 4,000 of the nearly 5,500 evacuees were affected when authorities reduced the size of the evacuation zone.

The blaze had blackened more than 6.5 square miles (16.8 square kilometers) of the rugged Santa Ynez Mountains, but most of that acreage was scorched in its first hours Monday.

Fire commanders described a fierce battle that saved homes as the blaze consumed brush in an area



A DC-10 air tanker drops retardant to slow the Cave Fire burning in Los Padres National Forest, Calif., above Santa Barbara on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

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that hadn't burned in 29 years.

"We've had winds move up slope, down slope, across

the slope," Santa Barbara County fire Battalion Chief Anthony Stornetta said.

An infamous 1990 wildfire in

the same area destroyed more than 400 homes.

"It's just a hard, difficult piece of country to fight fire

in and the weather is the most extreme anywhere around," said Jim Harris, Los Padres National Forest fire chief.

Rudy Gruber, 79, watched the smoke and flames from the top of a hill near his house in Santa Barbara.

Despite orders to evacuate, he said he decided not to leave because he didn't think the fire would cross a canyon to his home. Plus, it'd be tough to move his 50-pound tortoise, Amstel. Even so, he's been prepared for about a year, packing photo albums, computers and a carrier for his cat Scooter.

Gruber, who's lived in the area since 1976, was facing his fifth fire but said he's only evacuated once, when he saw smoke in his neighborhood in 1978. He didn't see any this time, so he decided to stay put. □

## U.S. judge bars Trump's health insurance rule for immigrants

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — A U.S. judge in Oregon on Tuesday granted a preliminary injunction blocking a Trump administration proclamation that would require immigrants to show proof of health insurance to get a visa.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Simon said in a written opinion that the proclamation could not take effect while a lawsuit challenging its constitutionality makes its way through the courts.

The proclamation issued

by President Donald Trump in October would only apply to people seeking immigrant visas from abroad — not those in the U.S. already.

Seven U.S. citizens and a nonprofit organization sued to prevent the rule from taking effect, saying it would block nearly two-thirds of all prospective legal immigrants.

The lawsuit also said the rule would greatly reduce or eliminate the number of immigrants who enter the U.S. with family sponsored visas.

"This decision is an impor-

tant check on the Trump administration's effort to rewrite our nation's immigration and health care laws in violation of the boundaries set out in the Constitution," said Esther Sung, an attorney with the Justice Action Center.

The White House has previously said it strongly disagreed with Simon's decision to block the proclamation from taking effect, declaring it "wrong and unfair" for a judge in a single court district to issue a ruling that could shut down a nationwide policy.

Simon previously issued an

emergency temporary restraining order on Nov. 3 in response to the lawsuit and heard oral arguments before issuing Tuesday's opinion.

Under the government's visa rule, the required insurance can be bought individually or provided by an employer, and it can be short-term coverage or catastrophic.

Medicaid doesn't count, and an immigrant can't get a visa if using the Affordable Care Act's subsidies when buying insurance. The federal government pays for those subsi-

dies.

The Migration Policy Institute, a nonpartisan immigration think tank, says 57% of U.S. immigrants had private health insurance in 2017, compared with 69% of U.S.-born residents, and 30% of immigrants had public health insurance coverage, compared with 36% of native-born residents.

The uninsured rate for immigrants dropped from 32% to 20% from 2013 to 2017, since the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, according to the institute. □

# DC government sues e-cigarette maker Juul over teen use

By MATTHEW PERRONE

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The District of Columbia is joining several states in suing the nation's largest e-cigarette maker Juul Labs, saying the company's online ads and promotions illegally targeted minors.

Washington, D.C., Attorney General Karl Racine announced the lawsuit Tuesday, alleging that Juul's viral marketing contributed to the surge in underage vaping by teens in the district and across the U.S.

The lawsuit also says that Juul misled consumers about the potent nicotine levels contained in its flavored pods.

The move follows similar lawsuits filed last week by California and New York. North Carolina became the first state to sue the San Francisco startup in May.

A Juul spokesman said Tuesday the company's products are intended for adults and that it is committed to combating underage vaping.

Under intense legal pressure, Juul recently suspended its U.S. advertising and halted sales of all but two of its flavors, menthol and tobacco. Additionally, the company closed its social media accounts, tightened age verification for online sales and replaced its CEO.

Juul, which launched in 2015, now controls roughly two-thirds of the U.S. retail market for e-cigarettes. The company also faces separate investigations by Congress, the FDA and other federal regulators.

Juul rocketed to the top of the vaping market based on the popularity of its high-nicotine pods, fruit and dessert flavors and early online marketing, which featured youthful, attractive models. Racine said Tuesday the company's practices "unfairly and unconscionably dragged a new generation into nicotine addiction."

The lawsuit, filed in D.C. Superior Court, also alleges that Juul previously:

— made unsupported claims that its e-cigarettes

are a safer alternative to traditional smoking, — failed to adequately verify customers' ages before selling e-cigarettes through its website, and — failed to implement a "secret shopping" program and other steps touted by the company to deter underage use.

The district also said it sent

subpoenas to eight other vaping companies seeking information about their business and marketing practices.

Most experts say vaping is likely less harmful than traditional smoking, which produce thousands of toxic chemicals. But there is little research on the long-term health effects of vaping. □



In this Dec. 20, 2018, file photo a woman buys refills for her Juul at a smoke shop in New York. California is suing the nation's biggest e-cigarette maker, alleging Juul Labs deliberately targeted teenagers with its early marketing campaigns.



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# Ukraine focuses on uprooting corruption amid U.S. scrutiny

By YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

**KYIV, Ukraine (AP)** — Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskiy rode into office this year on a pledge to tackle the corruption that was rife under his two most recent predecessors. Analysts and activists have given him strong marks so far, which is why the recent descriptions in Washington of Ukraine as a graft-ridden country are especially stinging for officials in Kyiv. In the first months of his administration, Zelenskiy has managed to win quick passage of anti-corruption legislation to identify illegal wealth held by officials, calling for up to 10 years in prison for those who cannot satisfactorily explain income of more than \$250,000.

In addition, a special anti-corruption court that the West had for years urged be established finally began working in September. That same month, Zelenskiy announced the creation of a hotline for whistleblowers to report wrongdoing. Vadim Karasev, head of a Kyiv-based independent think tank, said remarks by President Donald Trump and his defenders that Ukraine remains mired in corruption have belittled Zelenskiy's actions.

"Trump sees it as expedient to brand Ukraine as the most corrupt country, preferring not to notice Kyiv's efforts to combat that," said Karasev, chief of the Center of Global Strategies.

Ukraine has taken center stage in U.S. political life after an impeachment inquiry of Trump was triggered by a July 25 telephone call in which he pushed Zelenskiy to investigate his political rival Joe Biden and Biden's son, Hunter, who was on the board of a Ukrainian



**Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, foreground left, and his wife Olena Zelenska hold candles as they walk to a memorial in Independent Square (Maidan) in Kyiv, Ukraine, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019.**

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energy company.

Trump has argued that in holding up nearly \$400 million in military aid to Ukraine, he was seeking to root out corruption. But Congress had already approved the aid and there has been no evidence of any wrongdoing on the part of the Bidens.

Analysts say the 41-year-old Zelenskiy still faces massive challenges to try to end decades of graft, cronyism and disregard for the rule of law that helped bring down Ukraine's two previous leaders.

Before his election, he was a sitcom star whose only political experience consisted of portraying a high school teacher who is propelled to the presidency after a recording of his tirade against graft goes viral. Now he is battling it in real life.

"Zelenskiy has completed the formation of a vertical

structure to combat corruption," said Daria Kaleniuk, a prominent activist who heads a Ukrainian group called the Anti-Corruption Action Center. "The anti-corruption court, the prosecutors and the anti-corruption bureau have broad powers and freedom of action."

Trump's critics, backed by a wealth of testimony on Capitol Hill, contend the president wasn't genuinely concerned about corruption and was just trying to damage Biden politically. They argue, too, that his maneuvering actually undermined efforts to attack graft in the Eastern European country.

In 2014, Ukraine's Russia-friendly president, Viktor Yanukovych, was driven from power in an uprising fueled by anger over corruption, and his administration was accused of looting billions of dollars from the state.

Graft continued to run amok under his successor, Petro Poroshenko, a billionaire known as "the Chocolate King" because he made the bulk of his fortune in the candy business. Taras Chmut, a leading independent military analyst, said corruption has been particularly rampant in the military even as Ukraine has remained locked in conflict with Russia-backed separatists in the east. The fighting erupted in 2014 after Russia's annexation of Crimea.

Chmut cited a scandal in 2015 over the procurement of rucksacks at inflated prices for Interior Ministry forces fighting the separatist rebels. The gear was purchased from a company controlled by the son of Ukraine's interior minister, but the case was closed, and the minister has kept his job to this day.

A military embezzlement scheme allegedly involving top Poroshenko associates and a factory controlled by the president badly dented his popularity just before the election and contributed to his bruising loss to Zelenskiy.

Despite Zelenskiy's latest efforts, corruption contin-

ues to plague the country, with businesses paying bribes to win government contracts or settle tax disputes, doctors seeking under-the-table payments before performing surgery and students having to pay their way into free higher education.

"There is no independent judiciary, bribes are everywhere, top officials dodge punishment with payoffs," said Anton Fursenko, a 42-year-old businessman who was among those who rallied on Kyiv's main square last week, demanding stronger action against corruption.

A department chief in Zelenskiy's office was arrested recently on charges of accepting a \$150,000 bribe to get someone appointed to a top position in Ukraine's state gas company.

Prosecutors also opened a probe of 11 lawmakers from Zelenskiy's party accused of taking bribes of \$30,000 each to support legislation that would benefit companies of another member of parliament. Zelenskiy insisted last week that his government and his Servant of the People Party will get rid of anyone suspected of graft.

"We always said that we are ready to clean our ranks," he said.

There are fears, however, that billionaire tycoon Ihor Kolomoisky, whose assets include a TV station that broadcast Zelenskiy's sitcom, could use his connections to the president to try to reclaim control of the nation's biggest lender, PrivatBank, which was taken from him and placed in state hands in 2016.

Zelenskiy has sought to distance himself from the tycoon, and government officials have vowed that PrivatBank will remain under state control.

Despite that, Kolomoisky has continued working behind the scenes to expand his clout, said Kaleniuk, the anti-corruption activist. She alleged the tycoon has been able to recruit several dozen legislators to support his agenda and put pressure on Zelenskiy. □

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## Hong Kong campus siege ending with one protester found

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**HONG KONG (AP)** — A weeklong police siege of a university in Hong Kong may be winding down, closing one of the more violent chapters in the city's long-running anti-government protests.

A search of the Hong Kong Polytechnic campus Tuesday found just one woman, in weak condition, and a senior university official said it's unlikely anyone else remains.

A few people might still be hiding in the warren of buildings on the urban campus, trying to avoid arrest. The search apparently didn't find a man who told reporters before dawn that he is happy living at the university and "everyone can stop worrying about us."

Police have cordoned off the area to try to prevent anyone from escaping.

Polytechnic University Vice President Alexander Wai, who led a search of the campus by seven teams, said he couldn't rule out that some people remained, but "the possibility is not very high."

Attention in Hong Kong has shifted to city leader Carrie Lam's response to a major loss in local elections Sunday. The results were seen as a public rebuke of her tough line on the protests. Lam, after issuing only a written statement Monday, offered no concessions to

anti-government protesters, saying only that she would accelerate dialogue and identify ways to address societal grievances. She said the central government in Beijing did not blame her for the election setback, and that while it may have reflected unhappiness with the government's handling of the unrest, it also showed that many people want an end to the violence.

"Let me just stress that after these five-six months, Hong Kong people have realized very clearly that Hong Kong could no longer tolerate this chaotic situation," Lam told reporters after a weekly meeting with advisers. "Please help us to maintain the relative calm and peace that we have seen in the last week or so and provide a good basis for Hong Kong to move forward."

Her refusal to compromise could spark more unrest at a time when the semi-autonomous Chinese territory has plunged into its first recession in a decade.

The streets around Polytechnic were the scenes of fierce clashes with police 10 days ago. Protesters used the campus as a base and shut down access to a major roadway under Hong Kong's harbor, setting the toll booths on fire.

The Cross-Harbour Tunnel will reopen Wednesday

morning, earlier than expected, a senior city official announced.

The seven search teams went through most of the buildings on the Polytechnic campus, finding one woman who appeared physically weak, a university statement said.

Wai, the vice president, said she is over 18 and not a student of the university. A Red Cross first aid team gave her medical care, and counselors were trying to coax her to surrender.

Holdouts at the university had been trying to avoid arrest.

The search teams found gasoline bombs and other dangerous items, the Polytechnic statement said. The library was flooded, and the fuel tanks of cars had been forced open.

The university plans to resume the search in the morning, possibly with more people.

The pro-democracy bloc won control of 17 out of 18 district councils in Sunday's election, which was seen as a barometer of public support for more than five months of pro-democracy protests.

Lam said that when she withdrew an extradition bill in September that had sparked the protests, she also gave a detailed response to the protesters' other demands, including free elections for the city's



Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam pauses during a press conference in Hong Kong, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

leader and legislature and a probe into accusations of police brutality.

The government hopes to take advantage of the current lull in violence to accelerate public dialogue and set up an independent review committee to find solutions to deep-seated societal issues, she said.

"The next step to go forward is really, as you have put it, to engage the people. And we have started public dialogue with the community," Lam said. "But unfortunately, with the unstable environment and a chaotic situation, I could not do more on that sort of engagement. I hope that the environment will allow me to do it now."

Some pro-establishment figures have pointed fingers at Lam for their loss, while the pro-democracy camp has asked her to step down.

Protesters saw the extradition bill as an erosion of their rights promised when the former British colony re-

turned to Chinese control in 1997. The demonstrations have since expanded into a protest over what they see as Beijing's growing interference in the city. Some analysts said China's ruling Communist Party isn't likely to soften its stand on Hong Kong. Chinese media have muted reports on the poll outcome, focusing instead on how pro-Beijing candidates were harassed and the need to restore law and order.

Beijing is treading cautiously partly to avoid jeopardizing trade talks with the United States. It also faces pressure from planned U.S. legislation that could derail Hong Kong's special trade status and sanction Hong Kong and China officials found to violate human rights.

China's foreign ministry on Monday summoned U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad for a second time to demand Washington block the bipartisan legislation on Hong Kong. □

## Rescuers comb building rubble after Albanian quake kills 18

By LLAZAR SEMINI and  
VISAR KRYEZIU

THUMANE, Albania (AP) —

Rescue crews with excavators searched for survivors trapped in toppled apartment buildings and hotels Tuesday after a powerful pre-dawn earthquake in Albania killed at least 18 people and injured more than 600.

The magnitude-6.4 quake was felt across the southern Balkans and was followed by multiple aftershocks, with several above magnitude 5. In nearby Bosnia, another tremor with a preliminary magnitude of 5.4 struck southeast of the capital Sarajevo, causing only minor damage.

The quake in Albania knocked down apartment buildings and hotels while people slept, and rescue crews worked into the evening to free people believed trapped. There was no indication as to how many people might still be buried in the rubble, as neighboring countries and European Union nations sent search-and-rescue crews to help.

Local television stations



People stand next to a damaged building after a magnitude 6.4 earthquake in Durres, western Albania, Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2019.

Associated Press

showed footage in the early hours after the quake of a young boy being rescued from a collapsed building in the coastal town of Durres, 33 kilometers (20 miles) west of the capital Tirana. An excavator moved a broken slab of concrete and the boy cried and shouted in pain as local men pulled mangled reinforcement bars out of the way trying to try to free his leg from the rubble.

Hours later, live TV footage showed people cheering as another child was found alive in a collapsed building in Durres where a body had been located earlier. In total, 43 people had been rescued from the rubble of buildings by Tuesday evening. Health Minister Ogerta Manastirliu said more than 600 people had been treated for injuries, including nine hospitalized with life-threat-

ening injuries.

"It is a dramatic moment where we should preserve calm, (and) stay alongside each other to cope with this shock," Prime Minister Edi Rama said.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake, which struck just before 4 a.m. local time, had an epicenter 30 kilometers (19 miles) northwest of the capital, Tirana, at a depth of 20 kilometers (12 miles). Scores of aftershocks were recorded, including three with preliminary magnitudes of between 5.1 and 5.4.

The worst-hit areas were Durres, where 11 of the dead were found in collapsed buildings, and the northern town of Thumane, where another five bodies were pulled from the rubble, the Defense Ministry said. In total at least three hotels, a residential villa and an apartment building collapsed in Durres, and one apartment building in Thumane.

One person died after jumping from his home to escape in Kurbin, 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of the capital, while another person was killed on a road that collapsed in the northern town of Lezha.

"Search and rescue work continues at all sites where buildings have collapsed," Defense Minister Olta Xhaka said in a televised statement. "But these are extremely difficult operations, where you have to

work slowly because there is a high risk of further collapse, endangering not only residents, but also those trapped, and the rescuers themselves."

Seismologist Rrapo Ormeni of Albania's Institute of Geosciences, Energy, Water and Environment, said a 6.4 quake was considered a strong one.

"Damage at the epicenter will be considerable because of its high energy, the magnitude it has," Ormeni said. "Such quakes are felt in a wider area due to (their) major depth and magnitude. It has been felt all around the territory of our country but also abroad, up to Bulgaria, Bosnia, Italy and other (countries)."

The quake was also felt in neighboring Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Greece, and parts of southern Serbia.

Authorities called on people in the most affected areas to stay out of their homes and avoid driving to allow emergency vehicles free access. Many residents reported cracks in their apartment walls.

All government agencies were on alert and "intensively working to save lives at the fatal spots in Durres and Thumane," Rama said. About 400 soldiers were setting up tents in Durres and in Fushe Kruje near Thumane in the north to house survivors left homeless by the quake.

Rama said neighboring countries, the European Union and the United States had offered help. By Tuesday evening, rescue teams from neighboring Kosovo, Montenegro, Italy, Greece and Romania had arrived.

Serbia, North Macedonia, Croatia, Hungary, Germany, France, Estonia, Turkey and the Czech Republic also offered help, while the EU delegation to Albania said additional EU assets were on standby should they be needed.

"My thoughts are with the victims and all the people affected by the disaster," EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides said. □

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This April 4, 2016 file photo shows Maltese investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, who was killed by a car bomb in Malta on Oct. 16, 2017.

Associated Press

## Top Maltese officials quit amid probe into reporter's murder

**VALLETTA, Malta** (AP) — There senior officials in Maltese Prime Minister Joseph Muscat's government stepped down Tuesday in connection with a probe into the murder of investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia.

Press reports have linked Tourism Minister Konrad Mizzi, Economy Minister Chris Cardona and Muscat's chief of staff Keith Schembri to the Caruana Galizia investigation.

All three deny any wrongdoing. Their resignations follow the arrest last week of Maltese hotelier and power company director Yorgen Fenech in relation with the case.

In her blog, Caruana Galizia wrote boldly about corruption and investigated the affairs of Maltese politicians and business figures, as well as those doing business with the European Union member.

Eight months before she

was killed by a car bomb in October 2017, Caruana Galizia alleged in her blog that a company called 17 Black Ltd., listed in the Panama Papers, was connected to Maltese politicians. The company belonged to Fenech, the businessman. Fenech was arrested a day after Muscat revealed that an unidentified man offered to provide details about the murder if he was given immunity of all crimes he committed. The immunity was given on Monday on condition that his evidence is corroborated in a court of law.

Economy Minister Cardona said Tuesday he was stepping down pending the investigation and the ongoing proceedings related to Caruana Galizia's case. He was summoned by police for questioning last Saturday. Prime Minister Muscat himself announced the resignation of his chief of staff Schembri. □

## 13 French soldiers killed in helicopter collision in Mali

By BABA AHMED and SYLVIE CORBET  
Associated Press

**BAMAKO, Mali** (AP) — Two helicopters collided on a moonless night and killed 13 French soldiers fighting Islamic State group-linked extremists in Mali, France said Tuesday, mourning its highest military death toll in nearly four decades.

The deaths draw new attention to a worrying front in the global fight against extremism, one in which France and local countries have pleaded for more support. In a surge of violence this month, attackers often linked to IS have killed scores of troops in West Africa's arid Sahel region and ambushed a convoy of employees of a Canadian mining company, leaving at least 38 dead.

French President Emmanuel Macron expressed "deep sadness" after the Monday evening crash. It was France's highest military toll since 1983, when 58 paratroopers were killed in a truck bombing in Lebanon. The military said the helicopters were flying very low when they collided and crashed in Mali's Liptako region near Niger while supporting French commandos on the ground pursuing a group of extremists. No one on board survived. French defense minister Florence Parly said the helicopters were operating "in the total darkness, which made the operation much more complicated." The helicopters' flight data recorders have been found and an investigation has



In this May 19, 2017 file photo, a French soldier stands inside a military helicopter during a visit by French President Emmanuel Macron to the troops of Operation Barkhane, France's largest overseas military operation, in Gao, northern Mali.

Associated Press

begun. The French troops were chasing fighters with the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara, affiliated to IS, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Francois Lecointre said.

France's operation in West and Central Africa is its largest overseas military mission and involves 4,500 personnel. France intervened in Mali in 2013 after extremists seized control of major towns in the north and implemented a harsh version of Islamic law. They were forced back into the desert, where they have regrouped and moved south into more populated areas. Since 2013, at least 44 French soldiers have died in the mission that has created little public debate in France.

French lawmakers observed a minute of silence on Tuesday. Prime Minister Edouard Philippe defended military operations in the Sahel, saying that "without the ability to face the en-

# First protester dies in Colombia unrest as marches press on

By MANUEL RUEDA

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— Students, women's activists and indigenous people marched through the center of Colombia's capital Monday in a fifth day of protests against the government as the country recorded the first death of a demonstrator.

Dilan Cruz, an 18-year-old high school student, died two days after being hit in the head by a projectile reportedly fired by riot police during a protest. His case has resonated in Colombian society, touching off a debate about excessive use of force and making him a symbol for many young protesters.

"It hurts," said Melissa Ceballos. She said Cruz was a friend who died "for asking for changes, for wanting for things to improve for Colombians."

As news of his death spread, protesters began gathering to bang pots and pans while chanting "The state killed him!" on the Bogota street where he was wounded.

President Ivan Duque expressed his condolences on Twitter, saying in a statement that he was



Anti-government demonstrators rally in Bogota, Colombia, Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.

Associated Press

"profoundly saddened" by Cruz's death and had shared his solidarity with the family. Duque has promised a swift investigation of the incident in which Cruz was injured.

Colombia has been rattled by protests since Thursday, when an estimated 250,000 people took to the streets amid a strike organized by unions, student groups and indigenous organizations. The protest was the largest Colombia had seen in years, and it has been fol-

lowed by dozens of smaller demonstrations as well as looting that resulted in the deaths of three people and prompted authorities to impose a curfew in Bogota for the first time since 1977.

The unrest comes after mass anti-government demonstrations erupted in Ecuador, Bolivia and Chile. Those outbursts caused leaders in Ecuador and Chile to propose changes in economic policies and forced Bolivia's president to resign.

Some Colombian protesters say they have been inspired by the events elsewhere in the region.

"The people have awoken" said Julio Pardo, a social sciences teacher who attended Monday's march in Bogota. "We will no longer allow our leaders to humiliate us."

In response to the growing unrest, Colombia's president launched a "national dialogue" Sunday to address such issues as rural violence, environmental

policy and "growth with equity."

Duque met with recently elected governors and mayors Sunday night and held talks with business leaders and some unions Monday.

He also invited the National Strike Committee, a steering group that jumpstarted the protests to talks on Tuesday. But its leaders said Duque had only offered to spend one hour with the group, and they refused to attend.

"In one hour we cannot expose our grievances" said Diogenes Orjuela, president of the Central Workers Union. "Under those conditions we cannot start talks."

Members of the steering committee said they want a greater say over any overhaul of the pension system and labor laws as well as a tax reform plan that the government recently presented to the congress. They have also called for more funding for public universities and are demanding a ban on fracking, a method for drilling oil which Duque has said he is open to. It's not clear, though, how much success the movement will have in pressing its demands. □



In this Oct. 1, 2019 file photo, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez talks during an interview with The Associated Press, in New York.

Associated Press

Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's foreign minister on Tuesday accused the United States of violating the Vienna Convention and the deal re-establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Soon after, the United

States announced a new sanction on Cuba meant to cut off the island's supply of petroleum from Venezuela.

In two tweets, Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez said unspecified "illegal actions" by the U.S. Embassy in Havana violated both the in-

## Cuba accuses U.S. of violating Vienna Conventions

ternational codes of conduct for diplomats and the agreement to reopen embassies in Washington and Havana in 2015.

"Illegal actions by #US embassy in #Cuba are interference in the internal affairs of the country and are intended to attack our constitutional order," Rodriguez tweeted. "They violate the Vienna Convention, the agreement for the re-establishment of relations and Cuban and US laws." The U.S. Treasury said it was designating the Cuban company Corporacion Panamericana S.A. as a violator of American sanctions on Venezuela. Such designations make it difficult for

companies like Panamericana to do business even outside the United States due to third parties' fears of repercussions for dealing with a sanctioned entity.

The Treasury Department said that after the U.S. sanctioned the state-owned oil importer Cubametales, Cuba moved employees and contracts over to Panamericana, which was not yet sanctioned.

In one example that occurred over the summer, Cuba shifted its dealings with a North African oil provider from Cubametales to Corporacion Panamericana, the Treasury Department said.

A Cubametales official

who also worked in a similar position at Corporacion Panamericana negotiated a deal to buy gasoline from a European company, the Treasury statement said.

The announcement comes amid rising tensions between the U.S. and Cuba over Washington's steadily increasing pressure on the communist government.

The U.S. has prohibited cruise travel to Cuba, U.S. flights to cities outside Havana and support for Venezuela oil shipments to the island. The Trump administration says it hopes to cripple the Cuban government's ability to support Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro. □

## LOCAL



**Last edition of the year:**

## Island Festival: Come and party with the locals Christmas Edition



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This is a night full of quality entertainment and the opportunity to taste local foods or buy the best souvenirs. There will be at least 30 different food and artisan stalls. Best thing of all: the entrance is free, but do bring cash as credit cards or debit cards are not accepted. Visit the Facebook page of the festival for more information: Island Festival Aruba. Come and experience our local way of life in San Nicolas City. Mingle with the Arubans! □



## The Kitchen Table enters fifth year of gastronomic success on NEW location: A very fine culinary journey of Caribbean and Peruvian fusion cuisine



**EAGLE BEACH** — The Kitchen Table is an elegant, classy, intimate, high-quality restaurant with an exceptional dining set-up. Dining here is an experience, a kind of sitting- at your- best- friend's or family's kitchen table where you feel and taste that the food contains love. Are you looking for something different, an ecstatic foody trip, than this is where you need to go.

The 7-8 course gastronomic journey will start with sparkling wine at the patio of The Kitchen Table's new location at Paradise Beach Villas as of 6.45PM. Around 7.00PM guests will be guided for a memorable dinner on the second floor of the other popular restaurant Asi es mi Peru. The dining concept reflects extraordinary, elegant and exquisite dishes from the Caribbean, Peruvian fusion and international cuisine created by the owners, Chef David Lizano and his team. To pair the perfect wines three sommeliers were invited to make the selection.

The interior of the restaurant is if you were in an elegant establishment in Lima, the capital city of Peru. You feel elevated in the top of the building where dinner takes place in an intimate setting. The typical, colorful Peruvian fabrics dress the ceiling while the large windows dignify the room. There are only 16 seats available creating an intimacy underlined by the owner's personal attention.



"This is an amazing experience," says Robert J. Giordanelia from New York. "The food is truly divine," shares a local guest. An evening at The Kitchen Table will be noted as unforgettable in your book of vacation memories, as it stands out from the regular island dinners.

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The Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas and her husband Jan van Nes are the secret formula behind The Kitchen Table's success. The couple takes a personal approach to what they do, this is not about running a business as usual. This is more about making you feel welcomed home, as well as being pampered. They bring top hospitality, experience and authenticity to the table. Within this gourmet dinner concept the two blended the Peruvian culinary art of Roxanna's top kitchen team and Jan's expertise from The Kitchen Table. The result is one big trip of delight, indulge and tickling of your taste buds. The Kitchen Table welcomes you with open arms every Tuesday to Saturday.

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## Mother and Daughter honored as Goodwill Ambassadors

PALM BEACH — Recently, Kimberley Richardson of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. The Goodwill Ambassador certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were mother **Beatrice Cevela** with daughter **Diane Cevela** from USA.

This family has been visiting the island since 1994 and stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches and picturesque sunsets, delicious variety of foods, its cleanliness, and Aruba's warm and friendly people whom became like family to them.

Richardson together with the representatives of the Holiday Inn Beach Resort & Casino presented the certificates to the honorees, handed over some presents and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home-away-from-home. □



## Santa's Cause Aruba



ORANJESTAD — Every year on Christmas day many fortunate children get one or more presents. But did you know there are many children who don't get any presents on Christmas day? Santa's Cause wants to make sure every child

in Aruba gets a present on Christmas day.

Santa's Cause Aruba is a charity project with the purpose of giving a minimum of 100 less fortunate children (ages 0-12) a gift on Christmas day. The idea



started in 2018 with a group of Aruban students in The Netherlands who felt the need to do something for the children in need on

their island. A total of 200 children were able to receive a gift and also they managed to hand out baskets with goods to 20 families in need. Due to this success they are doing it this year once again. To make this possible they will need all the help they can get from the community.

### How can you help? Become a godparent

As a godparent you will be given the age and gender of the child (ren) to whom you will have to buy a gift.

### Donate money

Every dollar will help! With the donations they receive, new toys will be bought for the less fortunate children in Aruba.

### Donate products for the baskets

Canned food, sugar, rice,

cereal, powdered milk, hygiene products, baby products, diapers and cleaning products are welcome to support the families.

The deadline for the donations is December 19th 2019. Drop off locations are: Lindy Boutique, MOSSA, Arashi Beach Shack, Jona's Best Snacks and Beautybar by Alice.

To join this great cause just send a message on the Facebook page Santa's Cause Aruba or Instagram santascausearuba2019.

On behalf of the management & PR team Julisa Arends-Hoevertsz, Alysha Boekhoudt, Emile Thiel, Dana Wong, Stephany & Jason Geerman and Asaria Croes Santa's Cause Aruba would like to thank you in advance for your help. Your contribution will make many children and parents happy this Christmas. □

## Today's Happening



## A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

## Wednesday 27

## Island Festival: Christmas Edition

- Experience Aruba's radiant culture and heritage in one single festival! Explore the night with live music, spectacular historical shows, local and international gastronomy, heritage, and the kindness of our locals. Not to be missed!
- 7 to 10 PM
- San Nicolas
- Facebook Island Festival Aruba (free entrance, cash only event)



## Thursday 28

## Celebration of Gratitude at Renaissance Aruba

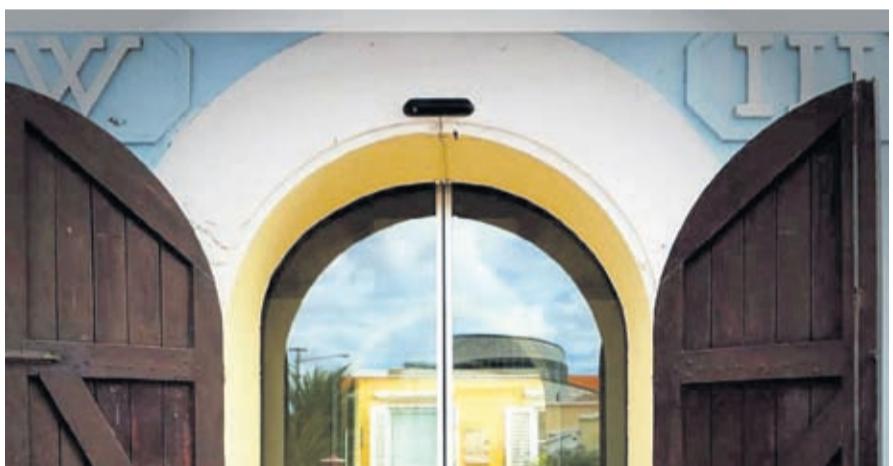
- The culinary team at Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino offers different dinner options to celebrate this day of gratitude. Choose between Aquarius Thanksgiving Buffet, L.G Smith's Steak & Chop House Thanksgiving Dinner or Fresco Thanksgiving Buffet. Surround yourself with family, friends and good food and express gratitude for all the good stuff in life.
- All day
- Renaissance Aruba
- Facebook Renaissance Aruba/events



## Sunday 1

## X-Mas market at the Ostrich Farm

- Locally made and crafted art and delicious food and liquors. Shop for early Beautiful & Unique x-mas gift! Live Steelpan music, delicious home cooked meals; x-mas platter with turkey and ham, stewed goat, traditional Roti with Duck, fresh whole fried red snapper and much more! Bonus Ostrich tour 50% off.
- 10 AM- 2 PM
- Ostrich Farm
- Facebook Aruba Ostrich Farm



## Monday 2

## Museum Monday

- Visit the Historical Museum of Aruba at Fort Zoutman, the oldest building in Oranjestad and home of Aruba's Historical Museum
- 9 AM – 6 PM
- Oranjestad
- Facebook Museo Historico Aruba: Fort Zoutman & Willem III Toren



## Friday 29

## Climate Action Aruba

- Climate Action Aruba joins the global movement to push governments to bringing change. Join them for a peaceful get-together at Wilhelminapark.
- 1-3 PM
- Wilhelmina Park, Oranjestad
- Facebook Climate Action Aruba



## Saturday 30

## Mandala Mugs Workshop

- Calm down through meditation and use your creativity and paint a mandala on a mug.
- 2 PM- 5 PM
- Aruba Cosecha, San Nicolas
- Facebook Aruba Cosecha

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## SPORTS



# Calgary coach in limbo after allegedly using racial slurs

By JOHN WAWROW

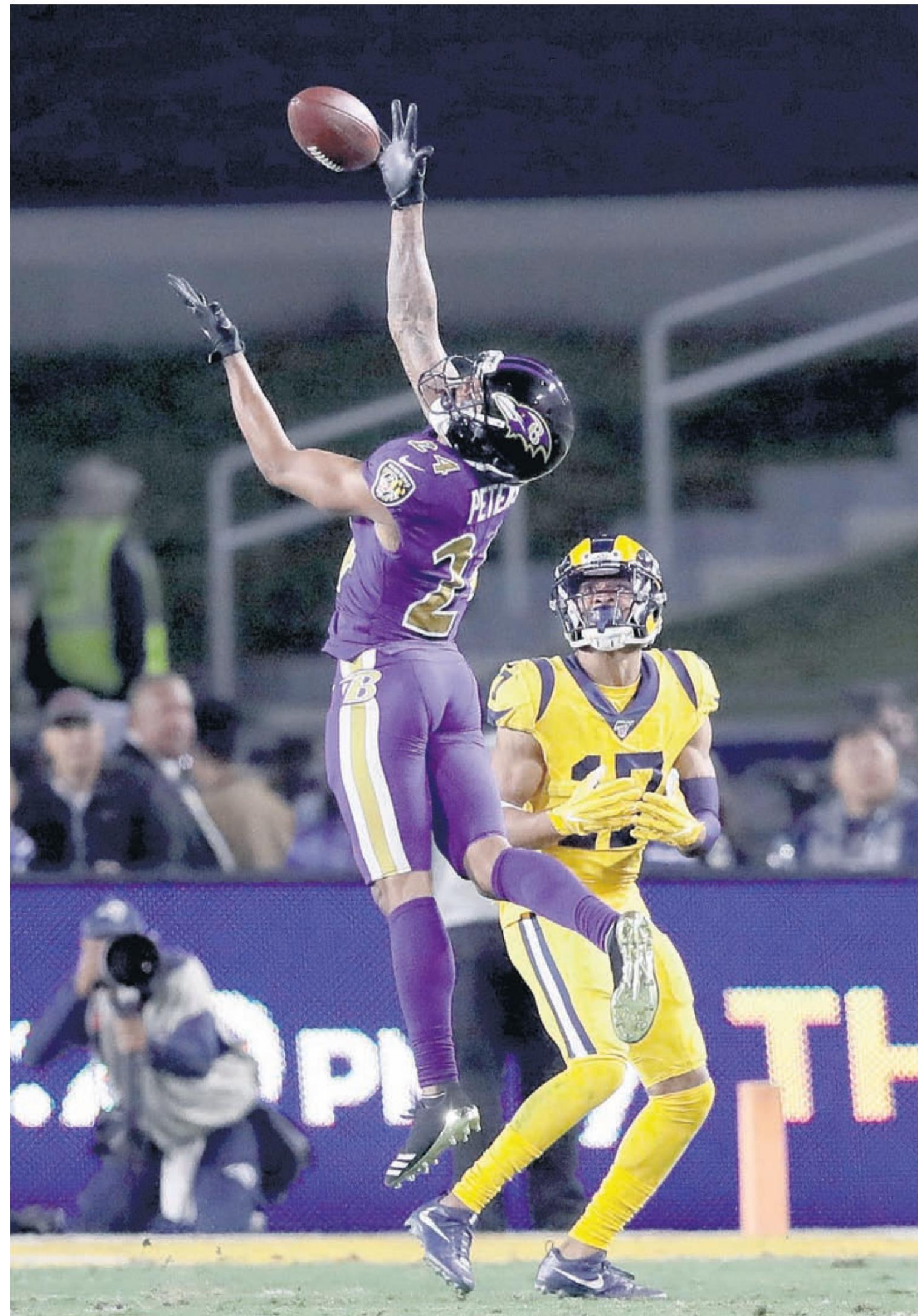
**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — Bill Peters' status as the Calgary Flames coach — and whatever future he might have in the sport — have been placed into question while the NHL and the team investigate allegations he directed racist slurs at a Nigerian-born player in the minors 10 years ago. Asking for patience, general manager Brad Treliving said Tuesday that Peters remains with the Flames after the allegations raised by Akim Aliu on social media a day earlier. Peters, who has not commented, stayed at the team hotel and was not with the Flames as they practiced for Wednesday night's game in Buffalo.

Aliu alleged Peters "dropped the N bomb several times towards me in the dressing room in my rookie year because he didn't like my choice of music." It happened during the 2009-10 season while the two were with the Chicago Blackhawks minor-league affiliate in Rockford, Illinois.

Treliving called the alleged comments "repulsive."

"Allegations of this nature, we take very, very seriously. This is subject matter that has no place in our organization," Treliving said. "Now it's my job to find out exactly what's taken place."

He said he had spoken with Peters and has had two conversations with Aliu by phone. □



Baltimore Ravens cornerback Marcus Peters intercepts a pass intended for Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Robert Woods during the second half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, in Los Angeles.

## Ravens, Patriots, 49ers remain top 3 teams in AP Pro32 poll

By SIMMI BUTTAR  
AP Pro Football Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens just keep on rolling. The surging Ravens, who have won seven in a row, retained the top spot in the latest AP Pro32 poll. Baltimore routed the Los Angeles Rams 45-6 on Monday night to move to 9-2 on the season.

The Ravens earned 11 of the 12 first-place votes for 382 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"I keep waiting for Lamar Jackson and the Ravens to have a poor outing," said Charean Williams of Pro Football Talk. "It hasn't happened the past seven games. The Cleveland game was the last time they looked like something other than the favorite."

The New England Patriots (10-1) received the other first-place vote for 366 points to stay in the No. 2 spot.

"(Coach Bill) Belichick in control of every facet as special teams whip Cowboys," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said of New England's 13-9 victory.

The San Francisco 49ers (10-1) followed close behind with 365 points and remained No. 3. The 49ers head to Baltimore to face the Ravens in the top matchup of Week 13.

"Bill Walsh didn't start winning Super Bowls until he had a defense to match the offense," Newsday's Bob Glauber said. "The Niners are now in a similar situation for (coach) Kyle Shanahan, whose defense carried them to yet another convincing win, this time against the great Aaron Rodgers."

The Seattle Seahawks (9-2), the only team to beat the 49ers this season, stayed No. 4.

"Led by their unflappable quarterback (Russell Wilson), the Seahawks are 6-0 on the road and still in position to chase down the 49ers atop the NFC West," said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The New Orleans Saints (9-2)

and Minnesota Vikings (8-3) each moved up a spot to Nos. 5 and 6, respectively. The Vikings head to Seattle for a key game on Monday night.

The Green Bay Packers fell two places to No. 7 after getting routed on Sunday night in the Bay Area. The Packers, who are tied with the Vikings for first in the NFC North, have a chance to rebound in the next two weeks when they face the New York Giants and Washington. Both teams are tied for last in the NFC East at 2-9.

The Kansas City Chiefs (7-4) remained at No. 8 after their bye week. The Chiefs can take control of the AFC West this week when they host the rival Oakland Raiders.

The Buffalo Bills (8-3), off to their best start through 11 games in 23 years, have inched up to No. 9. The Bills will get a nationwide audience on a short week as they head to Dallas to take on the Cowboys on Thanksgiving. The Cowboys (6-5) dropped to No. 11 after losing to the Patriots. Despite the setback, the Cowboys still lead the NFC East.

"The New England loss marks the beginning of the end for Jason Garrett as head coach unless this team makes a deep playoff run," said Alex Marvez of Sirius XM.

The Houston Texans moved up one place to round out the top 10. The Texans face a steep challenge Sunday night when they host Tom Brady and the Patriots. □



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass against the Los Angeles Rams during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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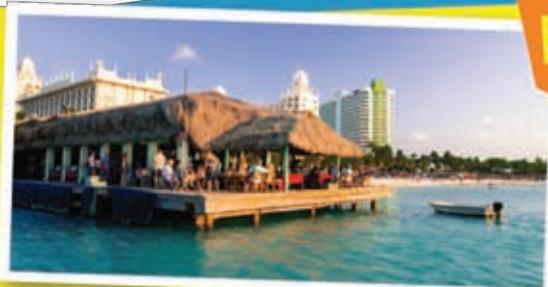
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## Lamar Jackson throws 5 TD passes, Ravens rout Rams 45-6

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**— Lamar Jackson basically hadn't allowed the football to touch the ground Monday night until he dropped an ordinary shotgun snap late in the first half at the Coliseum. He picked it up, split the pocket and sprinted away through the Rams' defense, going 35 thrilling yards before tripping right at the goal line.

Instead of celebrating, Jackson sprung up and remonstratively slapped both his hands on his helmet.

Baltimore's brilliant young quarterback wants to be perfect. He got awfully close in his "Monday Night Football" debut with the fearsome Ravens.

Jackson matched his career high with five touchdown passes and ran for 95 yards in another splendid all-around performance, and Baltimore routed Los Angeles 45-6 for its seventh consecutive victory.

Mark Ingram rushed for 111 yards and a TD and caught a scoring pass while the streaking Ravens (9-2) became the fourth team in the 21st century to score touchdowns on its first six drives in a game. With Jackson operating almost flawlessly at the controls, Baltimore embarrassed Aaron Donald and the previously solid Rams defense by racking up 480 yards with its evolving brand of high-octane football.

"We're clicking on all cylinders right now," Jackson said. "It's OK, but we're trying to win the Super Bowl. This is cool, but we're chasing that right now, and that's what we're focused on."

The Ravens' 22-year-old quarterback strengthened his Most Valuable Player case while going 15 of 20



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson runs against the Los Angeles Rams during the first half of an NFL football game Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, in Los Angeles.

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for 169 yards and constantly making smart decisions with his arm and his feet. He hit Willie Snead with his fifth TD pass with 14:43 to play and took the rest of the night off, but even the LA crowd serenaded him with "M-V-P!" chants in the final minutes.

"That's just operating at the highest level you can operate as a quarterback," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said of Jackson's first half, in which he went 9 for 9 and led four TD drives.

Snead and Marquise Brown had two TD catches apiece for the Ravens, whose winning streak is their longest since they won seven straight to close the 2000 season on the way to their first Super Bowl title. At 9-2, the Ravens have matched their best start since 2012, which ended in their second Super Bowl championship. Baltimore has outscored its last three opponents 135-26.

Jared Goff passed for 212 yards with two interceptions

and Todd Gurley rushed for just 22 for the defending NFC champion Rams (6-5), who took the worst loss of their three seasons under coach Sean McVay.

"We didn't do nearly enough to be competitive," McVay said. "It was impressive. When you sit there and watch and see (Jackson) up close and personal — on third down with his operation to find completions and making plays with his legs — I can see why they are talking about him being MVP."

Los Angeles hadn't lost by more than 21 points in its first 43 games under McVay, whose once-prolific offense had another humiliating performance with just 111 yards in the first three quarters before finishing with 221. The Rams failed to score a touchdown for the second time in three games, and Goff didn't throw a TD pass in November.

In the Coliseum's first Monday night game since the

Rams' epic 54-51 win over Kansas City last November, the Rams gave up one more point than they had allowed in their previous four games combined. The Rams also were among the NFL's best offensive teams for the previous two seasons, but they've lost that status this year while Baltimore has ascended to dominance.

"We got our faces peeled off," said Rams safety Eric Weddle, who spent the past three seasons with Baltimore. "We didn't do much good out there. ... (Jackson) is amazing. The tempo and the speed. I thought the first series or two, we would take our bearings to get adjusted to his speed. He's one of a kind."

The Ravens scored on their opening drive for the seventh time already this season when Jackson lofted an easy TD pass to Brown, who spent a year playing community college ball in nearby Santa Clarita. Brown got his second TD

from 18 yards out on Baltimore's second drive, and Ingram capped a 75-yard march with a 1-yard TD run on the third.

Baltimore got the ball back with only 1:55 left before halftime, but that was plenty for Jackson. He hit Snead with a 7-yard TD pass with 12 seconds left, and Rams fans booed their team off the field down 28-6.

Baltimore opened the second half with another 75-yard drive capped by Ingram's TD catch. The Ravens held the ball for all but 59 seconds of the third quarter, and Snead made his second TD catch early in the fourth.

The Ravens finally had to punt in the fourth quarter, ending a streak of 18 consecutive drives without a punt.

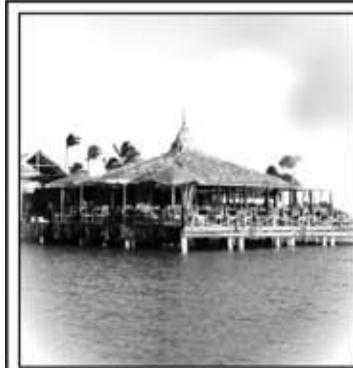
### LA REUNION

Baltimore cornerback Marcus Peters made an interception in the fourth quarter to cap his first meeting with the Rams since they traded him to the Ravens last month. Peters shook hands with dozens of former teammates throughout the night, but he also engaged in some demonstrative trash talking with Robert Woods on the field, and he celebrated his pick with relish. Peters then exchanged postgame words on the field and up the tunnel with Rams cornerback Jalen Ramsey, who arrived two weeks after Peters' departure.

### INJURED

Ravens: C Matt Skura was taken off the field on a cart in the first quarter with a knee injury. He didn't return, and Harbaugh had no update on his condition.

Rams: Brandin Cooks had two catches for 32 yards in his return from a two-game absence with his second concussion of the season. □



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## Siakam scores 25, Raptors hold Embiid scoreless for 1st time

By The Associated Press

**TORONTO (AP)** — Pascal Siakam scored 25 points, Fred VanVleet added 24 and the Toronto Raptors held Joel Embiid scoreless for the first time in his career in a 101-96 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night.

Rondae Hollis-Jefferson had 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Raptors, who posted their 14th consecutive home victory over the 76ers.

OG Anunoby scored 12 points, Terence Davis had 11 and Norman Powell 10 as Toronto improved to 7-0 at home.

Josh Richardson scored 25 points and Tobias Harris had 18 for the 76ers, who have not won a regular-season game in Toronto in more than seven years.

Embiid shot 0 for 11, missing all four of his shots from 3-point range and going 0 for 3 at the free throw line. He finished with a game-high 13 rebounds.

### BUCKS 122, JAZZ 118

**MILWAUKEE (AP)** — Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a season-high 50 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for his 17th consecutive double-double to help Milwaukee rally past Utah for its eighth consecutive victory. Wesley Matthews added 19 points and Eric Bledsoe scored 13 for the Bucks, whose last loss was at Utah on Nov. 8.

Bojan Bogdanovic had 24 points and Donovan Mitchell scored 20 for the Jazz, who were 21 of 45 on 3-pointers.

Antetokounmpo's streak of double-doubles is the longest to open a season

since Bill Walton opened with 34 straight in 1976-77.

### LAKERS 114, SPURS 104

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — LeBron James had 33 points and 13 assists, and Los Angeles won in San Antonio for the second time this season.

Anthony Davis added 17 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers (15-2) in his final game before returning to New Orleans on Wednesday.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 30 points and DeMar DeRozan added 22 for the Spurs. San Antonio fell to 6-12 after its 11th loss in 13 games.

### TRAIL BLAZERS 117, BULLS 94

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points in just his fourth game of the season, CJ McCollum added 21 and Portland beat Chicago.

Damian Lillard had 13 points and 12 assists as Portland snapped a four-game losing streak.

Anthony was 10 for 20 from the field, including 4 of 7 on 3-pointers. He now has 25,615 career points to move ahead of Alex English (26,613) into 18th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

Zach LaVine had 18 points for Chicago, which has dropped two of three. LaVine was just 1 for 5 on 3-pointers two days after making 13 of 17 while scoring a career-high 49 points Saturday at Charlotte.

### CELTICS 103, KINGS 102

**BOSTON (AP)** — Jaylen Brown scored 24 points, Jayson Tatum had 20 and Boston held off Sacramento Kings despite a career-high 41 points from Buddy Hield.



Toronto Raptors forward Pascal Siakam protects the ball from Philadelphia 76ers' Al Horford during second half NBA basketball action in Toronto on Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.

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Marcus Smart had 17 points with seven assists, and Enes Kanter added 13 points and nine rebounds for the Celtics, who had lost the final two games of a 2-3 West Coast trip.

Harrison Barnes added 20 points for the Kings, who had won 7 of 10. Hield was 15 of 26 from the floor and went 11 for 21 on 3-point attempts.

### HEAT 117, HORNETS 100

**MIAMI (AP)** — Bam Adebayo scored 21 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Jimmy Butler also scored 21 points and Miami remained unbeaten at home by topping Charlotte.

Kendrick Nunn scored 19 points, Tyler Herro added 18 and Kelly Olynyk finished with 15 points and 16 rebounds for Miami.

The Heat are 7-0 at home for only the second time — they went 8-0 at home to start the 2012-13 championship season.

Terry Rozier had 19 points and nine assists for Charlotte, which has dropped five in a row.

### NETS 108, CAVALIERS 106

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Spencer Dinwiddie hit a fade-

away jumper with 1.9 seconds remaining to give Brooklyn its fourth straight victory.

Cleveland erased a 106-97 deficit with just over 2 minutes left and tied the game on Collin's Sexton's free throw with 21 seconds to play.

Following a shot clock violation, the Nets called timeout and set up the last play. Dinwiddie took the inbounds pass from Joe Harris, dribbled to the right of the key and hit the tie-breaking shot.

Dinwiddie scored 23 points on the day he was voted Eastern Conference player of the week. Jarrett Allen had 22 points and a season-high 21 rebounds.

Clarkson scored 23 points while Larry Nance Jr. had 20 points and 13 rebounds for Cleveland, which has lost seven of eight.

### PACERS 126, GRIZZLIES 114

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — T.J. Warren scored 26 points to lead the Indiana past Memphis.

Jeremy Lamb had 19 points and Aaron Holiday added 16 points off the bench for the Pacers, who have won

three straight and seven of nine.

Jared Jackson Jr. scored 28 points, Ja Morant had 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Brandon Clarke scored 17 points on 8-of-9 shooting for the Grizzlies, who have lost four straight.

### TIMBERWOLVES 125, HAWKS 113

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Karl-Anthony Towns had 28 points and 13 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins added 25 points and Minnesota rode three big offensive quarters to rally past Atlanta.

Trae Young scored 37 points for the Hawks, who outscored the Timberwolves 34-16 in the second quarter. But Minnesota had 38 points in the first quarter, 39 in the third and 32 in the fourth against one of the NBA's weakest defensive teams and snapped a two-game skid.

The Timberwolves got 46 points from their bench, with Keita Bates-Diop and Gorgui Dieng each scoring 13. Jabari Parker pitched in 22 points for the Hawks and rookie center Bruno Fernando scored a career-high 13. □

# Ducks stop Islanders' team-record 17-game point streak, 3-0

By The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) —

Ryan Getzlaf had a goal and an assist, John Gibson made 26 saves for his first shutout this season and the Anaheim Ducks ended the New York Islanders' 17-game point streak with a 3-0 victory Monday night. The Islanders went 15-0-2 during the longest point streak in franchise history. They hadn't lost in regulation since Oct. 11 against Carolina, but had gone into overtime in each of their previous four games before facing Anaheim. They lost in OT against San Jose on Saturday.

The Ducks put the game away late in the third period when Cam Fowler and Ondrej Kase scored just more than a minute apart. Anaheim ended its three-game losing streak and a five-game skid at home.

Islanders goalie Thomas Greiss made 20 saves. He was 8-0-0 during the point streak with 233 saves.

## SHARKS 4, KINGS 3, OT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patrick Marleau scored at 2:35 of overtime to give the surging San Jose Sharks a win over Los Angeles.

Timo Meier scored twice and Erik Karlsson had a goal and an assist for the Sharks, who have won nine of 10. Kevin Labanc added two assists, and Martin Jones made 33 saves.

Anze Kopitar, Dustin Brown and Adrian Kempe scored for the Kings, who have lost three of four. Jonathan Quick stopped 21 shots. Marleau scored when Quick tried to knock away a deflected shot by Labanc, only to send it to the veteran forward for a shot into an open net.

## BLUE JACKETS 1, SENATORS 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Oliver Bjorkstrand scored 21 seconds into the third period and Joonas Korpisalo earned his second career shutout to lift Columbus over Ottawa.

The win was the fourth in five games for the Blue Jackets (10-9-4) and it marked their fourth straight at home over Ottawa.

Korpisalo stopped 25 shots



Anaheim Ducks center Ryan Getzlaf (15) scores against New York Islanders goaltender Thomas Greiss, of Germany, as defenseman Johnny Boychuk (55) and center Jordan Eberle (7) watch with Ducks center Troy Terry (6) during the second period of an NHL hockey game in Anaheim, Calif., Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.

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in his 10th victory. Craig Anderson made 18 saves for the Senators (11-12-1), who had won four in a row.

It was nearly three minutes into the game before Columbus took a shot, and the Blue Jackets put just eight pucks on net through 30 minutes of play.

Zach Werenski had an assist and pushed his point streak to seven games, and Boone Jenner's assist was the 100th of his career.

Ottawa's best scoring chance came when Connor Brown got a 1-on-1 with Korpisalo at 8:36 of the third, but could not beat him.

## FLYERS 2, CANUCKS 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jakub Voracek scored midway through the third period to lift Philadelphia over Vancouver.

Voracek one-timed Justin Braun's pass off the right post and behind goalie Thatcher Demko. Voracek's sixth of the season and second in two games snapped a 1-1 tie.

Sean Couturier scored his seventh goal for Philadelphia, and Carter Hart stopped 16 shots.

J.T. Miller put Vancouver ahead with his 10th goal

midway through the first period, but Demko couldn't make it stand. He made 32 saves.

Vancouver didn't get many scoring chances in the final two periods, but Hart made a pad save on Josh Leivo with 17.4 seconds left in the third.

## LIGHTNING 5, SABRES 2

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Cedric Paquette and Ondrej Palat scored short-handed goals 49 seconds apart in the third period and Tampa Bay beat Buffalo.

Paquette had a breakaway goal at 8:17, before Palat made it 5-2 on a 2-on-1 break.

Tampa Bay also got goals from Nikita Kucherov, Mikhail Sergachev and Yanni Gourde. Andrei Vasilevskiy made 28 saves and Palat added two assists.

Sam Reinhart and Jimmy Vesey scored, and Carter Hutton stopped 24 shots for the Sabres, who have lost 10 of 12 (2-8-2).

The Lightning swept a pair of games from the Sabres in Stockholm, Sweden, on Nov. 8-9. Since the start of the 2013-14 season, the Lightning are 22-4-2 against Buffalo.

## RANGERS 3, WILD 2, OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony DeAngelo scored 32 seconds into overtime to give New York a victory over Minnesota that moved goalie Henrik Lundqvist into sole possession of fifth place on the NHL career wins.

Chris Kreider tied it for the Rangers on a power-play goal with less than three minutes left in the third period. Brady Skjei scored early and Artemi Panarin had three assists, giving him at least one point in all 11 games New York has won this season.

Zach Parise and Ryan Donato scored for the Wild.

Lundqvist made 26 saves for his 455th win, breaking a tie with Curtis Joseph for fifth place all-time.

## PENGUINS 3, FLAMES 2, OT

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jake Guentzel beat David Rittich on a rush 4:04 into overtime to lift Pittsburgh over Calgary.

Jared McCann scored his ninth goal and Alex Galchenyuk got his first with the Penguins. Both had a goal and an assist, helping Pittsburgh get a point for the 11th time in 13 games — eight of those 13 have gone to overtime. □

Tristan Jarry stopped 32 shots and has allowed two goals or fewer in six of seven games.

Dillon Dube scored his first of the season for Calgary and second NHL goal. Sean Monahan added his sixth on a power play as the Flames lost for the seventh time in eight games. Rittich stopped 35 shots.

## PREDATORS 3, BLUES 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Daniel Carr scored the deciding goal in the shootout and Nashville beat St. Louis. Nick Bonino and Ryan Johansen scored in regulation for Nashville, and Juuse Saros made 23 saves in regulation and overtime for the Predators. Saros stopped three of four shots in the shootout.

The Predators have won two straight, both ends of the home-and-home set with St. Louis.

David Perron and Brayden Schenn scored for St. Louis, which has lost two straight.

In the fourth round of the shootout, Carr skated to his left, and then drifted to the slot where he snapped a quick wrist shot by Blues goaltender Jake Allen. Carr was recalled from Milwaukee of the AHL earlier Monday.

Allen made 37 shots. He stopped two of four in the shootout.

## STARS 4, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 2

DALLAS (AP) — Alexander Radulov had two power-play goals, Esa Lindell scored once and helped kill four penalties, and Dallas tied a team record with its seventh straight victory.

Radulov and Lindell staked Ben Bishop to a 2-0 lead in a dominant first period. Bishop made 26 saves for his sixth consecutive win.

Jason Dickinson scored in the second for the Stars, who have won seven in a row five times in a franchise history that dates to 1967 as the Minnesota North Stars.

Shea Theodore and Paul Stastny had the goals for Vegas. Malcolm Subban stopped 25 shots.

John Klingberg had three assists, giving him four in two games since coming off injured reserve. □

# Gervonta Davis taking step up in pursuit of superstardom

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Gervonta Davis wrapped both arms around his 1-year-old daughter, whispering in her ear and revealing a tender side as he promoted his next bout.

In the ring, the boxer known as "Tank" shows no mercy. The 25-year-old Davis has a perfect record in 22 professional fights, only one of which has gone the distance.

Now the two-time super featherweight champion is eager to make a bigger mark, moving up in weight to take on Cuba's Yurioris Gamboa for the WBA's secondary lightweight title next month in Atlanta's first world championship card in more than 20 years.

"I want to keep getting better and better," Davis said. "I hope Gamboa brings the best out of me so that people can see that I'm not just a power puncher. I have a lot of boxing skills."

Davis has displayed fearsome power since turning pro in 2013, most recently scoring a second-round TKO of Ricardo Núñez during a July homecoming bout in Baltimore. No fighter has gone the distance with Davis in more than five years.

Yet, despite his impressive record, Davis has been scrutinized for a lack of quality opponents. That isn't likely to change with a



In this July 27, 2019, file photo, Gervonta Davis waits for the start of his super featherweight boxing championship bout against Ricardo Nunez in Baltimore.

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victory over Gamboa, who at 37 would appear to be on the downside of his career.

For Davis, though, this is a possible steppingstone to a big-money match with Leo Santa Cruz (37-1-1, 19 knockouts), who has captured world titles in four weight classes. The Mexican most recently claimed the WBA super featherweight title with a unanimous decision over Miguel Flores on the undercard of Deontay Wilder's knockout win.

"What better opponent than Gervonta Davis?" Santa Cruz told DAZN in the lead-up to his victory

over Flores. "I think he's the most dangerous of all the people that they want me to fight and once I do that, I think people are going to know that I'm not scared of nobody and that I could fight whoever."

Davis is certainly willing to make that match.

Like Santa Cruz, Davis is seeking a signature victory to raise his profile on boxing's crowded championship landscape. He is capable of becoming one of the sport's biggest stars, according to his trainer, Calvin Ford.

"Tank can really box and put on a show," Ford said. "That's what it's all about:

entertaining the crowd, giving the crowd something to go home to talk about — other than the knockout."

The fight with Gamboa came together after they fought together on the Baltimore card. The Cuban scored an impressive second-round knockout of Rocky Martinez. "I proved to the naysayers that I have a lot left in the tank," said Gamboa, an Olympic gold medalist at the 2004 Athens Games who is 18-2 in his pro career. The promotion for the December fight began at lunchtime in a west Atlanta nightclub, where Gamboa spoke through an inter-

preter and Davis answered most questions while holding his daughter, Gervanni. When they went through the mandatory stare-down for the cameras, Gamboa held his grim look but Davis quickly broke into a smile and yukked it up with his fans.

After the title bout in Baltimore, Davis wanted a fight in what he considers his second home. He moved to Atlanta a couple of years ago and pushed for the chance to show his skills for a growing fan base that includes local pro athletes and hip-hop stars. It will be a rare opportunity for the A-T-L, which has hosted numerous major events but has little history in the fight game. Most notably, it was the city that held Muhammad Ali's comeback fight after he barred for more than three years over his refusal to be drafted during the Vietnam War.

Atlanta hasn't staged a world title fight since hometown favorite Evander Holyfield outpointed Vaughn Bean to retain his heavyweight belts in 1998 at the Georgia Dome. Next month's card also includes WBA light heavyweight champion Jean Pascal taking on Badou Jack. "I've always wanted to fight here," Davis said. "Atlanta has accepted me with open arms. Baltimore is always my first home but being able to come here is special." □

## AP source: Hill has elbow surgery, to miss 1st half of 2020

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Baseball Writer

Free agent left-hander Rich Hill had surgery on his pitching elbow and is likely to miss the first half of next season, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on Monday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Hill's surgery was not announced.

Rather than have Tommy John surgery to repair a torn ulnar collateral ligament, Hill had what is called primary revision sur-

gery, the person said. This type of surgery usually requires a shorter recovery time, and Hill is expected to start throwing by the end of April, the person said.

Hill, who turns 40 in March, had Tommy John surgery while with Boston in 2011.

He was 4-1 with a 2.45 ERA in 13 starts this year for the Los Angeles Dodgers, completing a \$48 million, three-year contract. He was sidelined between June 19 and Sept. 12 with a strained flexor tendon in his pitching forearm and then in his first start back felt right knee

pain that delayed his next outing until Sept. 24. Hill started Game 4 of the Division Series against Washington and did not get a decision, allowing one run over 2 2/3 innings in a 6-1 defeat.

Hill was 30-16 with a 3.16 ERA with the Dodgers, who acquired him from Oakland on Aug. 1, 2016. He is 65-42 in 15 big league seasons.

His surgery was first reported by WEEI. The operation was done by Dr. Jeffrey Dugas of Andrew Sports Medicine. □



In this Sept. 24, 2019, file photo, Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Rich Hill works against a San Diego Padres batter during the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2019, in San Diego.

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**By Carlos M Viana, OMD, CCN**

After greeting our patient, the first question I ask is: "How did you sleep last night"? Sleep is a basic human need, as important for good health as diet and exercise. Only when we are sound asleep do our bodies repair. When we sleep, our bodies rest but our brains are active, laying the groundwork for healing and productivity. Most people need eight hours of sleep nightly. Unfortunately, for 10% to 25% of us, not being able to get to sleep or insomnia can be a chronic condition. Approximately 98 million dollars a year is spent in the United States alone on over-the-counter sleep aids. Not getting enough restful sleep results in daytime sleepiness, increased accidents, problems concentrating and poor performance on the job and in school, and increased sickness and weight gain.

Lack of sleep seems to be a major stress factor. Regularly catching only a few hours of sleep can hinder metabolism and hormone production in a way that is similar to the effects of aging and the early stages of diabetes. Chronic sleep loss may speed the onset or increase the severity of conditions such as type II diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, and memory loss. Medical researchers have shown that just one week of sleep deprivation altered subject's hormone levels and their capacity to metabolize carbohydrates. Research has shown that in developed countries, the average night's sleep has grown shorter since the beginning of the century, from 9 hours to 7.5 hours. People who give up sleep to make more time for work and leisure are aging much faster than they should be.

During sleep-deprivation, researchers found, men's blood sugar levels took 40% longer to drop, compared with the natural sleep-recovery period; and their ability to secrete and respond to the hormone insulin, which helps regulate blood sugar, dropped by 30%. These changes reflect the effects of insulin resistance. In addition, the sleep-deprived men had higher nighttime concentrations of the hormone cortisol, which also helps regulate blood sugar, and lower levels of thyroid-stimulating hormone. These raised cortisol levels are often seen in older people, and may be involved in age-related insulin resistance and memory loss.

Many childhood sleep problems are related to irregular sleep habits or to anxiety. Persistent sleep problems may also be symptoms of emotional difficulties. "Separation anxiety" is a developmental landmark for young children. Bedtime is a time of separation. Some children will do all they can to prevent separation at bedtime.

The average woman aged 30-60 sleeps only six hours and forty-one minutes during the work-week. Conditions unique to women, like the menstrual cycle, pregnancy and menopause, can affect how well a woman sleeps. This is because the changing levels of hormones that a woman experiences throughout the month, like estrogen and progesterone, have an impact on sleep. Understanding the effects of these hormones, environmental factors and lifestyle habits can help women enjoy a good night's

sleep.

Having trouble getting to sleep? The following ten suggestions might help. 1) Maintain a regular bed and wake time schedule including weekends. 2) Establish a regular, relaxing bedtime routine such as soaking in a hot bath and then reading a book or listening to soothing music. 3) Create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet, comfortable and cool. 4) Sleep on a comfortable mattress and pillows. 5) Use your bedroom only for sleep and sex. It is best to take work materials, computers and televisions out of the sleeping environment. 6) Eat a healthy diet and finish eating at least 2-3 hours before your regular bedtime. 7) Exercise regularly. It is best to complete your workout at least a few hours before bedtime. 8) Avoid caffeine (e.g. coffee, tea, and soft drinks, or chocolate) close to bedtime. It can keep you awake. 9) Avoid nicotine (e.g. cigarettes, tobacco products) Used close to bedtime, it can lead to poor sleep. 10) Avoid alcohol close to bedtime. It can lead to disrupted sleep later in the night. 11) Do not run electrical wires under or over your bed.

Pharmaceutical drugs to get to sleep are not a healthy solution. These drugs do not produce the deep curative sleep needed to regain our health and are habit-forming. There are natural food supplements like 5 - HTP and Theanine (from Green Tea) can help considerably if taken with a little natural fruit juice thirty minutes or more before you eat. If your sleep cycle has changed because of travel or work shift change the natural supplement melatonin will help reset your sleep cycle. Acupuncture helps balance your body and encourages restful sleep. A visit to a natural physician could help you determine the cause of your sleep problem and how to best help it. Remember, you cannot restore your health without sound sleep.

Get the Point! Getting the right amount of sleep is vital, but just as important is the quality of your sleep. An adequate amount of sleep is as important as an adequate amount of exercise. Most of us do not fully appreciate the value of a full night's sleep. I believe that seven hours is an absolute minimum for most all of us, and most of us would benefit from closer to 9 hours. Ask any woman how much better she feels and looks when getting her full allotment of beauty sleep. □

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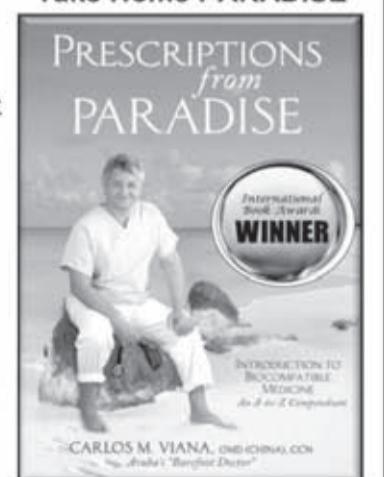
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# Millennial Money: Break free of your parents' money patterns

By SEAN PYLES of NerdWallet

You can likely thank (or blame) your parents for some aspects of how you turned out. Maybe you have your mother's eyes or your dad's habit of chewing with your mouth open. How you manage money is another thing you likely picked up from your parents — whether they intended you to or not.

While nearly 90% of parents believe it's important for their kids to grow up with good financial habits, almost half don't know how to discuss money with their kids, according to a 2019 survey of 1,000 parents conducted by Edelman Financial Engines, a financial adviser firm. Further, 25% of respondents never or almost never talk to their children about household finances, the survey found. If your family avoided financial topics, you may find yourself uncomfortable managing money and unaware of the effect your parents had on your financial behavior. But part of growing up is acknowledging what you learned from your parents — both good and bad — and correcting course as needed.

To claim your financial independence, define what your money goals are, understand how to achieve them through daily actions, and focus on long-term financial freedom.

## KNOW YOUR HISTORY AND YOUR IDEAL FUTURE

If you don't already, track your money management for a month. Document your income, bills and savings.

Now think about how your parents managed money while you were growing up.



In this Dec. 3, 2018, file photo a pedestrian is silhouetted against a ray of sunlight hitting a downtown courthouse in Atlanta.

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Look for areas of overlap to understand the money habits you learned. Did your parents carry loads of credit card debt or run behind on bills? Maybe they were frugal savers. If you aren't sure how your parents handled finances, ask them.

"I think having the money conversation with your parents is important, especially if you come from a household where money wasn't actively talked about," says Paul Golden, managing director of communications at the nonprofit National Endowment for Financial Education. "Ask about the challenges they dealt with and how they managed them."

Next, think about where you want to be. "Put financial goals in perspective of life goals," says Kristen Holt, CEO of GreenPath Financial Wellness, a credit

counseling and financial wellness organization. "Maybe you want to retire early, or spend time writing a book, or spend time with kids when you have them. What's the life that you want to have?"

TIP: Compare your money history to the financial future you desire. If you dream about being a homeowner, for example, but find that you aren't saving enough monthly to build up a down payment, see how you can adjust your spending habits.

## REWORK YOUR MONEY HABITS

As you reviewed how you handle money, you probably started to see some

patterns. Financial habits are built on daily actions. Identify those you can take to meet your money objectives.

"Once you have your goals articulated and prioritized, understand that you can't make everything happen all at once," says Levi Sanchez, founder of Seattle-based Millennial Wealth, a financial planning firm. "But you can start the better behaviors and habits that can get you there."

Budgeting is a simple, powerful habit. The 50/30/20 budget, where half your income covers needs, 30% goes to wants and 20% covers debt payments and savings, is an effec-

tive method to ensure you channel your money in a way that supports your vision.

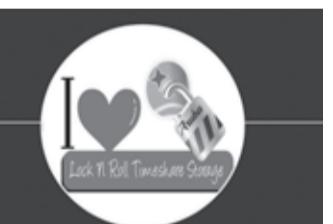
Sanchez recommends automating habits so your goals are easier to achieve. If you want to increase your emergency fund, set up regular transfers from your checking account or paycheck so you don't have to think about it.

TIP: Break your goals into smaller, easily achievable actions. Each of these steps will help you build the money habits that create financial independence.

## FOCUS ON THE LONG TERM

The point of carving out your financial independence is to ensure you are making informed money decisions that reflect your values. But it's also about setting yourself up for long-term financial success. That means sticking to healthy habits but being flexible enough to respond to life changes. "Part of your money habits should be regular assessments of how you're doing," Golden says. "We all need to be realistic that things financially are not always static. You're going to ebb and flow out of different circumstances."

TIP: Your financial goals and priorities will likely change over time. Check to make sure your habits are on track every quarter. And reevaluate your goals annually, so your money management evolves along with your priorities. □



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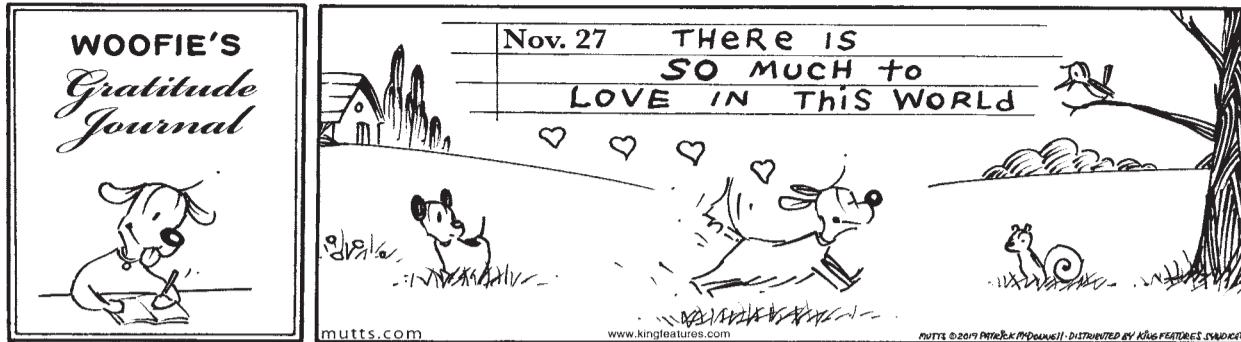
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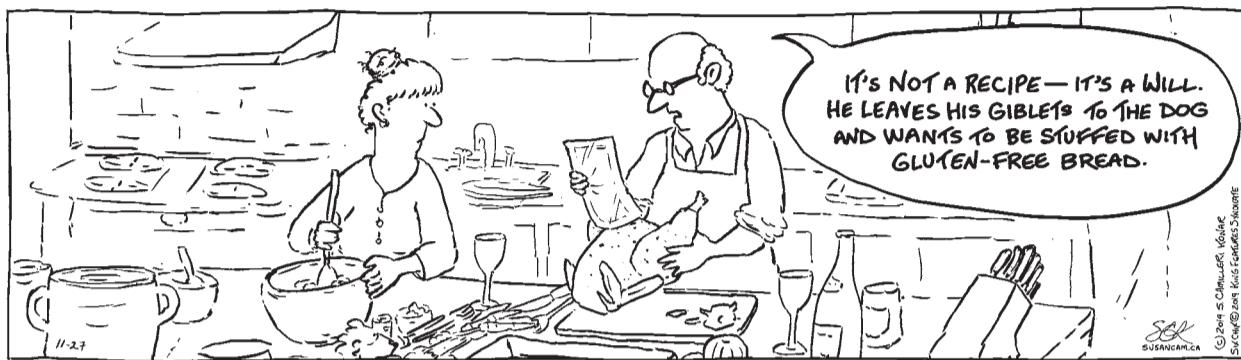
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

ACROSS

- 1 Students' transport
- 4 One-act plays
- 9 Kirkcaldy native
- 13 Abbey resident
- 14 Still whole
- 15 Group of three
- 16 Word attached to home or some
- 17 Itty-bitty
- 19 Took nourishment
- 20 Leather with a napped finish
- 21 Atlanta team
- 22 Bellows
- 24 Role on TV's "Alice"
- 25 Fred or Ben
- 27 Spare bedroom occupants
- 30 Exhilarate
- 31 "Never the twain meet"
- 33 Pkg. delivery service
- 35 Feels sick
- 36 Participate in a bee
- 37 Cheese in a white rind
- 38 Aristotle's "T"
- 39 Big U.S. bank
- 40 Cyclist Armstrong
- 41 Deodorant brand
- 43 Passes on, as a message
- 44 Cardinal or cerise
- 45 Piece in a staircase
- 46 Thin leather strip
- 49 Domestics
- 51 Switch position
- 54 More desirable
- 55 Two-fold
- 57 Uncle's wife
- 58 Refueling ship
- 59 Kaufman or Williams
- 60 Takes home, after expenses
- 61 Consecrate
- 62 Ike's monogram

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 48 Ripped apart
- 49 USPS delivery
- 50 Suffix for agree or afford
- 52 away; disappear gradually
- 53 Annoying insect
- 55 Estes or Lowe
- 56 June honoree



This Oct. 23, 2019 photo shows celebrity chef David Chang during an interview in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## Airbnb looking for 100 of the best home chefs for a trip

By MARK KENNEDY

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Airbnb is launching a global search for 100 top home cooks and treating them to a trip to Italy to learn how to refine their recipes with teachers including David Chang and his mom. The lucky chosen will travel to the University of Gastro-nomic Sciences in Pollenzo, Italy, for a week's worth of workshops and tastings to take their food "to the next level." Their recipe will

also feature in Airbnb's first cookbook. Applications open Monday. Airbnb users who are 18 and a resident of one of 30 or so eligible countries can nominate their favorite home cooks and complete an essay. Applications close Dec. 23. Winners will be selected by judges from representatives from Airbnb, the Slow Food organization and the University of Gastronomic Sciences. □

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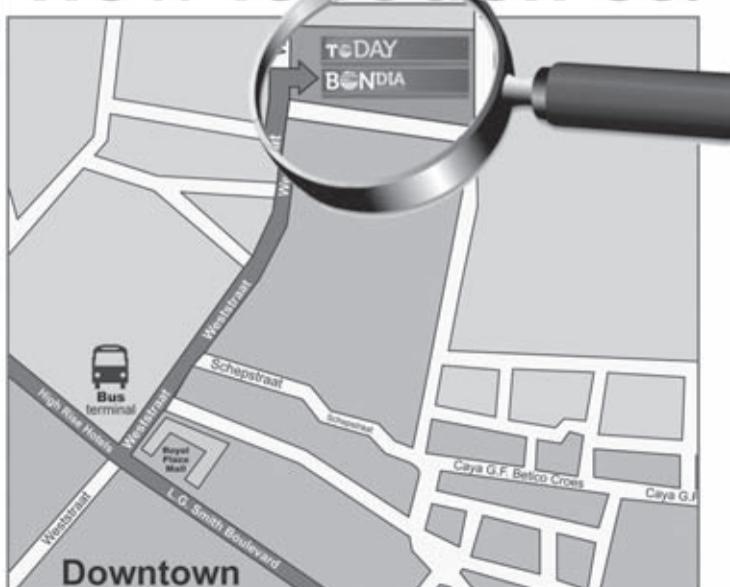
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## Stop! Washing your Thanksgiving turkey could spread germs

By CANDICE CHOI

AP Food & Health Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Go ahead and rinse your cranberries, potatoes and green beans. But food experts say don't — repeat don't — wash the turkey before popping it in the oven on Thanksgiving Day. They say that could spread the germs lurking on your turkey in the kitchen sink or nearby food. But it's been a challenge trying to convince cooks to stop rinsing off raw poultry.

"If your mother did it and your grandmother did it, and suddenly the (government) says not to wash your turkey, you may take some time to adjust," said Drusilla Banks, who teaches food sanitation for the University of Illinois Extension.

Germs that can make people sick are common in the guts of healthy poultry and are legally allowed to be on raw turkey and chicken. The assumption is that nobody eats their poultry rare, and that thorough cooking will kill the bacteria.

So it's possible that two common causes of food poisoning — salmonella and campylobacter — are on the turkey, said Mindy Brashears, a food safety



This Nov. 2, 2009, file photo shows a Thanksgiving turkey in Concord, N.H.

Associated Press

official at the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The do-not-wash raw poultry advice from the USDA is relatively new and perhaps hasn't caught on because it goes against the ingrained belief that washing makes things clean, said Banks. Participants in a food safety study offered their own rationale: "If it's still slimy — I'm not sure what that is. It

just feels good to wash it," said one. Another said: "My grandmother taught me that. She just said to wash all your food because there's no telling where it's been before it got in the pack."

Benjamin Chapman, a study author and food safety expert at North Carolina State University, said the instinct to wash raw

poultry goes back at least decades when people relied more on visual cues to spot problems with poultry. TV chef Julia Child was among those who said washing chicken was "just the safer thing to do" before experts began advising against it. But food prep is a juggling act, and germs from poultry can be spread even if

it's not washed, especially when birds are removed from packaging. It's why washing and sanitizing hands, utensils and surfaces are even more important. The USDA-funded study underscores that point.

Researchers sprayed raw chicken with a harmless strain of E. coli and watched volunteer cooks at test kitchens. Among those who washed their raw chicken, about a quarter ended up spreading the bacteria to their lettuce. But even some of those who did not rinse the chicken got germs on the lettuce. There are other opportunities for germs to survive and thrive on turkeys: thawing and cooking.

For thawing, experts say frozen birds shouldn't be left out on counters since germs can start multiplying on the outer parts that defrost first. They instead recommend thawing in fridges, cold water or in microwaves. You can also cook a frozen turkey, but it will take a lot longer. And to ensure a bird is thoroughly cooked, they say to use a thermometer to check that the deepest and thickest parts of it have reached 165 degrees. □



This Sept. 5, 2006, file photo, provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shows a bearded seal in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Associated Press

## Agency agrees to designate habitat for threatened ice seals

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)**

— A federal agency will decide by September how much ocean and coast in northern Alaska will be designated as critical habitat for two ice seal species. The Center for Biological Diversity announced Monday it had reached an agreement with the Commerce Department for the Trump administration to issue a critical habitat rule for ringed and bearded seals.

Ringed and bearded seals use sea ice in the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort seas. Both seals are listed as threatened.

Designation of critical habitat for threatened species is required by the Endangered Species Act a year after a listing. Federal agencies that authorize activities such as oil drilling within critical habitat must consult with wildlife managers to determine if threatened species will be affected.

The Center for Biological Diversity sued in June because no critical habitat has been designated. Ice seal habitat is rapidly melting, said Emily Jeffers, an attorney for the Center for Biological Diversity, and it should not have taken a lawsuit for officials to follow the law.

"Ringed and bearded seals need our help to survive an Arctic that's heating up at twice the global rate," she said in a statement. "They need habitat protections now, and they need us to quickly address climate change."

Commerce Department spokeswoman in Alaska did not immediately respond Monday afternoon to requests for comment. Ringed and bearded seals were listed as threatened in 2012 because of projected sea ice loss even though their numbers have not fallen. Animals with federally protected critical habitat are more than twice as likely to be recovering as species without it, Jeffers said. A critical habitat designation does not affect subsistence hunting by Alaska Natives. □

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## AARP releases the names of its Movies for Grownups nominees

By MARK KENNEDY  
AP Entertainment Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A new batch of film nominations are out from an influential media organization — but superhero flicks and "Frozen 2" need not apply. AARP has released nominations for its annual Movies for Grownups awards, which is designed to reward films that resonate with older viewers and fight industry ageism.

AARP The Magazine on Tuesday nominated "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," "Bombshell," "Little Women," "Marriage Story," "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood," "The Farewell," "The Irishman" and "The Two Popes" for the best picture/best movie category.

The best actress category includes Isabelle Huppert ("Frankie"), Helen Mirren ("The Good Liar"), Julianne

Moore ("Gloria Bell"), Alfre Woodard ("Clemency") and Renee Zellweger ("Judy").

Competing for best actor will be Antonio Banderas ("Pain and Glory"), Robert De Niro ("The Irishman"), Eddie Murphy ("Dolemite is My Name"), Jonathan Pryce ("The Two Popes"), Adam Sandler (Uncut Gems). Tony Danza will host the awards at the Beverly Wilshire, Beverly Hills, California, on Jan. 11. The ceremony will be broadcast Jan. 19 on PBS. Annette Bening will be honored for career achievement.

"We must continue to lift up movies made for, by and about grown-ups — the stories that speak to moviegoers 50-plus," Heather Nawrocki, vice president and director for Movies for Grownups at AARP, said in a statement. □

## Hearings great for cable news, less so for broadcast

By DAVID BAUDER

AP Media Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Five days of impeachment hearings were a boon to programmers and accountants at the cable news networks. For the big broadcasters, not so much.

The daytime hearing audience ranged from a high of 13.8 million on opening day to a low of 11 million on the third day, the Nielsen company said.

CNN, Fox News Channel and MSNBC showed every minute of the hearings, even the two times it stretched into the evening. And they were rewarded: Fox (2.5 million viewership average over five days), MSNBC (2.48 million) and CNN (1.68 million) each had more people watching the hearing than would tune in on a typical day. In the cases of MSNBC and CNN, the networks more than doubled their daytime average, Nielsen said. This interest had residual benefits elsewhere; both the Sean Hannity and Tucker Carlson prime-time shows on Fox had their most-watched month ever in November.

The picture is different on the broadcast networks. CBS' average of 1.82 million viewers for the hearings was better than ABC and NBC, but it was still lower than the 3.3 million people that CBS' top-rated daytime programming gets on a typical day. While there was time for some com-



David Holmes, a U.S. diplomat in Ukraine, right, watches former White House national security aide Fiona Hill, testify before the House Intelligence Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019, during a public impeachment hearing of President Donald Trump's efforts to tie U.S. aid for Ukraine to investigations of his political opponents.

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mercials during breaks in the hearing, there were far fewer ads than are usually run.

That reality is likely why CBS, on the hearing's third day, gave its affiliates the option to opt out of afternoon testimony. And none of the three broadcast networks stuck with the testimony for the two times it stretched into the evening.

One saving grace for the networks is that "it's not really costing them as much as one might think," said Marc Krigsman, CEO of SQAD, a New York-based advertising and marketing firm.

Networks leave wiggle room in their budgets for pre-emptions for news events, and typically don't have to pay a penalty to advertisers for commercial time missed for this reason, Krigsman said.

Any losses they incur are mitigated somewhat by higher ratings on morning and evening news programs, he said.

The timing was bad for some of the daytime shows, however, since November is a ratings "sweeps" month where ratings take on extra importance, he said.

If there's an extended impeachment trial, that will likely mean tough decisions for broadcast executives about whether to stick with it, particularly since they all have the capacity to stream the coverage online where people can watch on a side screen at work.

That may be problematic for non-broadcasters.

"The productivity that is potentially lost across the businesses is something to look at as well," Krigsman said. □



This Nov. 20, 2019 photo shows actor Taylor Kitsch posing for a portrait in New York to promote his film "21 Bridges."

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## Taylor Kitsch plays a bad guy with nuance and special skills

By BROOKE LEFFERTS

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Actor Taylor Kitsch bristles at the notion that the criminal he plays in the new police drama "21 Bridges," is a cold-blooded killer.

He says he worked to find the "emotional beats" of his character, Ray, and tried to understand the reasons he might do some unsavory things.

That might be why director Brian Kirk and producer and star of the film, Chadwick Boseman, wanted Kitsch for the part. That, and the fact that he's an expert at handling an automatic weapon.

"21 Bridges" is about a police detective (Boseman) leading a manhunt in New York City to find two suspects who planned to steal a haul of cocaine but stumble into a larger conspiracy and end up killing several cops.

The film, which also stars Stephan James and Sienna Miller, takes place over the course of one night, with plot twists, chase scenes and shootouts to satisfy action fans.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Kitsch, 38, talked about finding the nuances in playing complicated characters, working with Boseman and what it would take to get him to go back to his "Friday Night Lights" character, Tim Riggins.

**AP: How did you approach playing Ray, who many would think is a bad guy.**

**Kitsch:** "(Director) Brian Kirk was awesome and very collaborative and freeing and kind of just gave me the responsibility, gave me the reins to just create him and that's what I loved about it.... My job is to re-

ally root and try to figure out why he is the way he is.

**AP: Ray and Stephan walk into a very scary situation, but Ray keeps his cool.**

**Kitsch:** I know a lot of (Navy) SEALS. I've been trained by them, and a lot of special ops guys and everything about them I admire. The beauty of those guys is their heart rate doesn't go up. It really, honestly doesn't in those moments.... Ray is very, very similar, where they just take a breath and they go. And that's fascinating to me... He's just very calm, very directed as to what he has to do and carry out. And I love that. Because you can play the other way and go crazy and yelling, and that's very stereotypical to me and cliché and boring.

**AP: You seemed very comfortable shooting big guns. Was that because you used them while making the 2013 military action film "Lone Survivor"?**

**Kitsch:** My dad hunted but I never liked guns growing up. One, I think everybody should learn to at least be able to make a gun safe. "Lone Survivor" was an insane and incredible experience to be trained by the best and now I'm really comfortable with an M4 or a Glock or any handgun. I never thought I'd say that, but that tool has carried me through a lot of these things and obviously it serves for Ray.

**AP: How was working with Chadwick Boseman and how involved was he in his role as producer?**

**Kitsch:** He had a good presence on set. We were working nights and, man, I'd be sleeping if I were him because you got to get it when you can. But he

would come on his off days and be there with us and just support. The best producers are the ones that you don't feel their presence so much on set. They facilitate and let you do your thing. And he's great. You know, very gracious guy, listens really well on and off camera. He's very humble and just a sweet guy.

**AP: You seem to be intense about your work. What do you do in your free time?**

**Kitsch:** I'm learning guitar... so I still play an hour or two a day. Hockey — very Canadian — twice or three times a week hopefully, and I live on the lake (in Austin, Texas) so I try to get on the water when the sun lets me. Pretty standard stuff. Try to decompress from jobs and build yourself back up. I'll go on a little photography thing through Wyoming, Montana and Bampf. If I'm not acting, I have to have that creativity somehow or I'll go crazy.

**AP: We are in an era of reboots. Any chance you'd reprise your role if there was a reboot of "Friday Night Lights"?**

**Kitsch:** I know they're making a movie but I'm not going to be in that. There's no way. If you want to give me \$25 million I'll do it, but that's my price (Laughs). I pride myself on that moment. But I also want to create more new moments and keep growing and I feel I've done that. It would be messing with a beautiful memory. And I'm such a different person, different actor. And I don't even know if I could create that again, that innocence of Riggins and those moments. It was a special time and you got to leave that. □

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This Jan. 10, 2014 file photo shows Nancy Grace of HLN posing at the CNN Worldwide All-Star Party in Pasadena, Calif.

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## Nancy Grace joins Fox Nation streaming service

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former CNN mainstay Nancy Grace is signing up for a crime show on Fox Nation, an illustration of how Fox News' streaming service has evolved counter to expectations one year into operation.

Cameras will show her delivering her podcast and SiriusXM radio show, "Crime Stories with Nancy Grace," five days a week. The program is modeled after her popular television series that ran on the HLN network for many years.

"We spotlight breaking crime and justice news, help find missing people, especially children, solve unsolved homicides and analyze clues left behind," Grace said.

Fox Nation, the streaming service available for \$65 a year, will begin offering "Crime Stories" in January. The on-demand service recently announced that former CBS News correspondent Lara Logan will host a documentary series on media bias, immigration and other issues, and said more signings are in the works.

When Fox Nation began late last year, it was positioned as a place where potential subscribers could go if they didn't feel they were getting enough opinion programming on Fox News Channel. Instead,

users were apparently getting their fill.

"In a weird way, what the traditional Fox audience wants is complementary to the channel but not more of the same," said John Finley, the Fox executive vice president who oversees the streaming service. Perhaps the political climate has exhausted them, he said. Instead, he's found a hunger for "programming with Fox values but not necessarily politics," he said. That encompasses history, crime and lifestyle programming.

"What Made America Great," where "Fox & Friends" host Brian Kilmeade visits historical sites across the country, is one of the service's most popular programs. So is "Scandalous," a documentary series on controversial incidents in history. Abby Hornacek is a popular host, both with the series "PARK'D" where she visits national parks, and "Ride to Work," where she accompanies Fox personalities in a show that recalls Jerry Seinfeld's "Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee," only without coffee stops and without the jokes.

Kilmeade said he's found "What Made America Great" a fun change of pace and he's been surprised by the reaction he gets. □

## Jason Aldean says owning his records was a priority to him

By KRISTIN M. HALL

Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Country star Jason Aldean learned the hard lessons about the music business when he first signed a record deal with Capitol Records that ended up never producing any music. Years later, he signed to Broken Bow, a Nashville-based indie label that has gone on to release all nine of Aldean's records, six of which have been certified platinum or multiplatinum. "I got kicked around in the music business pretty good early on and learned a lot," said Aldean on the eve of his new record, the appropriately titled "9," which came out Nov. 22. "Broken

Bow giving me an opportunity to do what I've done over the years and giving me a chance to have a career means a lot."

Two years ago, the German-based BMG bought BBR Music Group, which includes Broken Bow, and Aldean this year signed a new global distribution and marketing deal with BMG, a big step for Aldean who was already one of country music's most downloaded artists. In many ways, Aldean has become the face of the label and is invested in its success, which now includes artists like Dustin Lynch, Runaway June, Lindsay Ell, Jimmie Allen, Zac Brown Band, Trace Adkins, Kid Rock and more. Recently named artist of the decade by the Academy of Country Music, he's sold nearly 12 million albums in the U.S. alone, had more than 20 No. 1 singles and filled arenas and stadiums along the way. He also has his own imprint at the label, where he has signed and released music from Tyler Farr.

Now with BMG's support, Aldean and the rest of BBR Music Group's artists have greater access to an international audience for country music that has been growing, said Jon Loba, executive vice president, recorded music at



This April 7, 2019 file photo shows Jason Aldean performing "Can't Hide Red" at the 54th annual Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas.

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BMG Nashville.

"In the next year, you're going to see some really big picture initiatives specific to Aldean that will not only advance his career overseas, but the genre as a whole," said Loba. "We're trying as a company not to just elevate our artists in other territories, but the entire genre."

"I think that's something every artist would like to have," Aldean said. "It kind of opens you up to a whole new world."

Aldean discussed owning his music, a hot topic in Nashville lately during the public feud between Taylor Swift and Nashville-based Big Machine Label Group, which owns her first six records. The three-time ACM entertainer of the year told The Associated Press that was a priority in his last contract negotiations.

"When I redid my record deal a few records back, when I upped with Broken Bow for the first time, that was a big point for me," Aldean said. "I wanted to own my own stuff. And then when I just re-upped again, I wanted to own more of it."

Loba declined to discuss specifics of Aldean's contract, but acknowledged he was getting strong offers from their competitors.

"We were happy to deliver in this instance on the things that were important to him

because he is so incredibly important to us," Loba said. "Those are our paintings, you know. That's our piece of art. And the record companies, I feel like, we both did well. I made these records. They profited a lot off it and got that initial stuff off it," said Aldean. "At some point, I want that stuff back and to be able to leave to my family."

But Aldean also feels a loyalty to his label, which has trusted him to be his own A&R guy, essentially picking out his songs and singles with his longtime producer Michael Knox. Luckily, he has other country artists bringing him songs, such as Tyler Hubbard of Florida Georgia Line, who co-wrote his driving, country rock single "We Back." Morgan Wallen, who is opening for Aldean next year, co-wrote "Keeping It Small Town" and Brantley Gilbert co-wrote "The Same Way," both songs that Aldean felt fit his style of arena country rock.

"I feel like whenever we go into the studio and start recording, it's almost like a lot of these guys start writing specifically for us, for our record, which is cool," Aldean said.

Even as the music industry moves more and more to a singles-driven approach, Aldean still sees the value in a full 16-song album. □

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## O'Hurley relishes annual Thanksgiving dog show's popularity

By GINA ABDY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Television traditions on Thanksgiving have usually involved the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade and then hours of football, but in recent years, another has emerged: The National Dog Show.

Hosted by actor John O'Hurley, the annual parade of pooches has become one of the most popular shows of Thanksgiving week.

But according to O'Hurley, it almost didn't make its way to the small screen. As O'Hurley tells it, the then-head of NBC Sports was enamored with the dog show parody classic "Best in Show" and came up with the idea to do a real show to fill the gap between the parade and football.

"They have all laughed him out of the office. But by the end of the day, he had the National Dog Show license from the Kennel Club of



This image released by NBC shows David Frei, left, and host John O'Hurley posing with a havanese dog at The National Dog Show in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

Philadelphia, Purina had come on as a presenting sponsor," O'Hurley recalled. "He called me and I was in L.A. I picked up the phone and I said, 'Hello.' And he said, 'Woof, Woof.' And that's how it all started 18 years ago."

For O'Hurley, best known for his time on "Seinfeld," it was a natural fit.

"Well, I've had a dog ever since I was 4 years old in my

lap," said O'Hurley, as he sat next to Dyson, a Shetland sheepdog on the cusp of two who is training to be a therapy dog. "I always said I'm a better person with a dog in my lap; dogs have a tendency to round out the edges in our lives."

O'Hurley is joined by Johnny Weir and Tara Lipinski, the figure skating commentary duo known for their dose of camp, and sports com-

mentator Mary Carillo. David Frei, who is a licensed judge for the American Kennel Club, serves as the analyst.

"(There's) enough money that the team has grown. Well, you know, we want to create more of an entertainment spectacle around a dog show. It's not just (the) Westminster (Kennel Club Dog Show), which is very kind of sober. And, you know, it's a very we want to create the feeling of, 'It's fun.' And dogs are fun. They round out the edges in our lives and they're the greatest companions we have."

To give it more of a sports feel, handlers are sometimes mic'd, like pro sport players and coaches, so viewers can hear what's going on on the floor and behind the stage.

"It's so much fun what's going on, how they're actually talking to the dog backstage and the things that they're saying because the

communication between the handler and the dog is irreplaceable," he said. "I mean, ultimately, the handler must look invisible." There are also kid handlers, which O'Hurley says shows that dog competitions are "truly a family sport. And it's a wonderful way of growing up in the world of a sense of discipline, of a sense of presentation, a sense of confidence. It does so many wonderful things for young people that we love to see young people come into this entire world of dog shows."

The two-hour show, which is pre-taped in the Philadelphia area, will air Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. Eastern. It inevitably draws comparisons to that other dog show — the venerable Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, held each February. O'Hurley stressed that they are "two completely different shows and two very prestigious titles." □